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## ACTES

made in the Parliament holden at Westminster, the first daie of Marche, in the .vii. yere of the reigne of our moste redoubted Souveraine Lorde Edward the .vi. By the grace of God, king of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendour of the faith, and of the Churche of Englande and also of Irelande in earth the supreme head: And there continued to the dissolution of the same being the laste daie of the saied moneth of Marche, as foloweth.

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## The first Chapitre.

An Acte for the true answering of the Kinges Ma-  
iesties Reuenues.



**M**uscagrat as the Kinges  
Maiesties Treasourers, and ge-  
nerall, and particular Receiuours  
& Bailieues of his Honours, Ca-  
stelles, Lordshippes, Manours,  
Landes, and Tenementes Reuer-  
sions, Possessions, and other his  
hereditamentes in England, Wa-  
les, and Calice, and the Marches  
of thesame, or elsewhere within the  
Kinges dominions, haue not so iu-  
stlie, speedlie, neither duelie made  
perelie paymētēs of suche summe,

and summes of moneie, as hath been by them, and euery of them re-  
ceiued of the Kinges Maiesties Reuenues possessions, & profitees  
into the Kinges Maiesties Treasourie, according to their dueties,  
but perelie doe deteine, & kepe thesame to their owne gaine, profite  
and lucre, contrarie to all right, trūeth, & equitie, and to the manifest  
iniurie, wrong, and hinderance, of, and to the king our Souuerain  
Lorde: Be it therefore enacted by the king our Souuerain lorde, the  
Lordes Spiritual, and Temporal, and the Communes of this pre-  
sent Parliamente assembled, and by the authoritie of thesame, that  
euery Treasourer, and general, and particular receiuour, Collectour  
and Bailieue and other minister accomptaunt whiche now is char-  
ged, or chargeable with, or for the receipte of any of the Kinges Ma-  
iesties moneie, Rentes, or Reuenues whatsoeuer, not being bounde  
with suretie, or sureties by obligacion, recognisaunce, or other wise  
to our late Souuerain Lorde the king, or to our Souuerain Lorde  
the king that now is, for, or concerning their office, or offices, before  
the xx. daie of Decembre nexte coming, or at any time, or times before  
thesame, xx. daie of Decembre, if thei, or any of the be reasonable re-  
quired, shall vpon paine of forfaiture of his office, be bounde to the  
Kinges Maiestie by sufficient writing obligatorie in reasonable sume,  
or summes of moneie: thesame writing obligatorie to be made with,  
or vpon condicion, that the persone whiche so shalbe bounden, his  
heires, Executours, administratours, Deputie, or Deputies, or one  
of them, from time to time, shal yelde a perfecte, and true account  
of all summes of moneie, and other thinges that thesame Treasou-  
rer, and general, and particular Receiuour, Collectour, Bailieue, or  
other minister accomptaunte, shall, make, or reasonable might bee  
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charged with, concerning, or by reason of his, or their Office, or Offices: And also shall make payementes of thesame summes of moneie, at suche daies and times, and in suche maner, and fourme, as herafter in this acte is expessed, and declared.

And be it further enacted, that all, and every persone, & persones hereafter to be named, assigned, or appointed to be Treasourer, or general, or particular Receiuer, Collectour, or Bailie, or minister accountaunt of our saied Souueraine Lorde the king, shall befoze any their entrie, executing, vsing, or exercising of his, or their office, or offices, whereunto he, or they shall be so nominated, or appointed together with suretie, or sureties, acknowledge, and make sufficient and laweful bonde, or bondes to the kinges Maiestie in suche court of Record, where thesame Officer, or Officers is, or shall be accountable, and chargeable, that they, their heires, Executors, administrators, assignes, or Deputies shall truly account, and paie all suche summes of moneie, as shall come to their handes, or shall, maie, or reasonable might be charged with, concerning his, or their office, or offices to the kinges vse within the circuitie of their severall receiptes, and Collections, at suche, or like daies, and times, and in suche maner and fourme, as is abovesaid, to be contained in the conditions of euery of thesaid bondes, vpon paine of losse, and forfeiture of his, or their Office, or Offices, and of his, and their lettres Patentes of thesame Office, or Offices.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that every Receiuer of the kinges Maiesties Honours, Manours, Landes, Possessions, Rentes, and Reuenues for the time being, or his Deputie, or Deputies shall percelie make his seueral preceptes, to al, and singular the Collectours, Ministers, and Bailies accountaunte within the circuitie of his office, charging and commaunding them on the kinges Maiesties behalfe by thesame precepte, to appeare befoze them personallie, or by their sufficient Deputie, or Deputies, for whom they wil answer within the Countie where thesame offices, Bailiewikes, receiptes, or collections dooe ligh, at a certaine daie and place in thesame precepte to bee limited, and to paie to the kinges Maiesties vse suche summes of moneie, as they ought to dooe by reason of any of their saied Offices, being due to our saied Souueraine Lorde the king, at, or befoze the feast of Easter, whiche they haue, or maie by any lawefull, or due meane leuie, or receiue within, or by reason of their saied offices, or collections. And that thesame preceptes shall be seuerallie deliuered to euery of thesaid officers, Ministers, and Bailies accountaunte, or to their Deputie, or Deputies, or elles be lefte at their dwelling houses, or at the Manour, Lordshippe, or place where their receipte, or collection is, or ought to be, twelue daies at the least befoze the daie of appar-  
taunce

raunce to them geuen, and prefixed in thesame precept, or preceptes. And if any of thesaid ministers, Collectours, or Bailieſes accoumptaunte vpon, or after any ſuche precepte, or preceptes at any time hereafter made by any ſuche Receiuour, and being deliuered, or leſte in ſourme afozeſaied, dooe make defaulte at theſame daie, and place assigned, and appoucted, in, and by theſaied precepte, or preceptes, that then theſame Collectour, miniſter, or Bailieſe accoumptaunte ſo making defaulte, and not appearing, as in afozeſaied, and being theſof due, and lawefullie conuicted in the Courte where the Reuenue is, or ſhalbe aunſwered, ſhall for the firſt offence loſe, and forſaite to the King our Souueraine Lorde, his whole fee for that yere, wherein he ſhall ſo make defaulte, or the value thereof. And for none paiemente of theſaied moneie due, & paieable, at, or befoze theſaied feaſte of Eaſter, vnto our ſaied Souueraine Lorde the King, within, or by reaſon of his ſaied Office, Collection, or Bailiewike, ſhall loſe, and forſaite for the firſt offence of none paiemente. vi. s. of the pounde, in the name of a peine, for euery Moneth after theſaied daie of apparaunce, vntill theſame moneie ſhalbe by him, or his Deputie paid to the handes of theſaied Receiuour to the kinges Maieſties uſe. And after the firſt defaulte of apparaunce made by any of theſaied officers, and an other like precepte by theſaied Receiuour be made, & deliuered, or leſte in ſourme afozeſaied, then theſaied Officer, or Officers making again defaulte, and being theſof lawefullie conuicted, as is afozeſaied, for the ſeconde defaulte, and offence of none apparaunce ſhal loſe, and forſaite to the King our Souuerain Lorde his office, and fee: And for theſaied ſeconde offence in the none paiemente of theſaied moneie due, and paieable within, and by reaſon of his office, collection, or Bailiewike, at, or befoze theſaied feaſt of Eaſter, ſhall loſe, and forſaite. xii. s. of euery pounde, in the name of a peine, for euery moneth after theſaied laſte daie of apparaunce, and defaulte made, as is afozeſaied, vntill theſame moneie ſhalbe by him, or his Deputie paid to thandes of theſaied Receiuour, to the uſe of our Souueraine Lorde the king.

And ferther be it enacted by thauthoritie afozeſaied that al, & euery Auditour, and Auditours of our ſaied Souueraine Lorde the king of his Maieſties Honours, Manours, Landes, Poſſeſſions, Rentes, & Reuenues, for the time being, or his, or their ſufficient Deputie, or Deputies ſhal haue ſul power, and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, yerelie to make their precepte, or preceptes to al miniſtres, collectours, and Bailieſes accoumptaunte, commaunding them on the behalfe of our ſaied Souuerain Lorde the king, to appeare, and accoumpt befoze him, or them perſonallie, or elles by their ſufficient Deputie, or Deputies at a place certein within the Countie, where theſame landes, and poſſeſſions dooe ligh, at the kinges Maieſties



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Audite to be holden there perelie betwene the feast of .S. Michael Tharchaungel, and the Nativite of our Lozde God, of, and for all Rentes, Reuenues, and profeictes due, and paieable within, or by reason of their saied Offices, Collections, or Bailiewikes, at, or before the feast of .S. Michael Tharchaungel nexte before the same Audite, expresse in the same precepte, or preceptes the time, & place when, and where the same ministers, Collectours, and Bailieues accountable, or their sufficient Deputie, or Deputies for whom they wil answer, shal appeare, the same preceptes to be deliuered to the same Ministers, Collectours, Bailieues accountable, or their Deputie, or Deputies, or lesse at their dwelling houses, or at the Manour, Lozdeshippe, or place where their receiptes, or collections is, or ought to be. xij. daies at the least before the daie of apparaunce to him, or them prefixed in the same precepte, or preceptes. And if any minister, Collectour, or Bailieue accountable doe not appeare before the saied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies at the saied Audite, according to the saied precepte, or elles if he doe appeare, and refuse to accompte for his saied receipte, collection, or Bailiewike before the saied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies: that then the saied minister, Collectour, or Bailieue accountable so making defaulte, and not appearing, or so refusing to accompte, as is aforesaid, & being thereof duellie, and lawefullie conuicted in the Courte where the Reuenue is, or shal be answerable, shal for his first offence lose, and forfeite to our Souuerain Lozde the king his whole fee for that yere, wherein he shal so make defaulte, or the value thereof: and for the none paiement of the saied moneie due, and paieable within his Collection, Office, or Bailiewike, at, or before the same feast of .S. Michael Tharchaungel, shal lose, and forfeite to the king our Souuerain Lozde for his saied first offence. vi. pence of every ponde, in the name of a peine, for every Moneth after the saied daie of apparaunce, and defaulte made, as is aforesaid, until he, or his sufficient Deputie, or Deputies shall accompte before the saied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies for his saied Collection, Receipte, or Bailiewike. And also paie vnto the handes of the saied Receiour, or Receiours, all, and every suche summe, and summes of moneie, as shal be iustlie founde due by the saied accountable before the saied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies, to the Kinges Maestie vpon the foote, & determination of his accompte. And after the first defaulte of apparaunce made before the saied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies by any of the saied Officers accountable being so warned, as is aforesaid: And after another like precepte made, and deliuered, or lesse in forme aforesaid: That then the saied Officer, or Officers

officers that so shal make again de faulte of apparaunce, for thesaied seconde offence in making defaulte in his apparaunce, as is aforesaid, and being therof duellie, & lawefullie conuicted in the Courte, where the Reuenue of his saied office is, or shalbe aunswerable, shal loose, and forsaite to the king our Souueraine Lorde his office, and fee. And for the seconde offence in the none paiement of thesaied monie due, and paieable with, and by reason of his receipte, collection, or Bailiewike, at, or before thesaied feast of S. Michael the Archangel, shal loose and forsaite to our Souuerain Lorde the king xij. pence of euery pounce, in the name of a peine, for euery Moneth after thesaied last daie of apparaunce, & defaulte made, as is aforesaid, vntil he, or his sufficient Deputie, or Deputies shal accompte before thesaied Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies for thesaied receipte, collection, or Bailiewike. And also paie vnto the handes of thesaied Receiour, or Receiours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies to the Kinges vse all suche summes of monie, as shalbe iustlie founde due by thesaied accomptaunte vpon the foote, and determination of his saied accompte.

And ferther be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that all, and euery Receiour, & Receiours of the Kinges Maisties Honours, Manours, Landes, Possessions, Rentes, or Reuenues shal make readie, and full paiemente yerelie to the Tresourer, or general Receiour of the Courte, where thesaied Reuenue is, or shalbe aunswerable, or otherwise, as he, or they are, or shalbe appointed, and assigned by sufficient warraunts, of all suche summes of monie, as he or they shal knowe to be due to our Souueraine Lorde the King and can by any lawefull, or due meane obtaine, get, haue, or receiue of the rentes, or reuenues of our saied Souueraine Lorde the King, with, or by reason of their offices being due, at, or before the feast of Easter by the .xx. daie of June then nexte folowing, at the ferthest. And also shal make like paiement yerelie of al their like receiptes of the Rentes, and Reuenues of our saied Souuerain lorde the King, that shalbe due, at, or before the feast of S. Michael the Archangel by the .xx. daie of Januarie then nexte folowing at the ferthest, vnder peine of losse, and forsaiciture, for euery defaulte or any of thesaied daies, twoo pence of euery pounce, for euery daie that thesaied monie so by them, or any of them shalbe vnpaid.

And also it is ferther enacted that all, and euery thesaied Receiour, and Receiours, or their Deputie, or Deputies for whom they will aunswere shal entre into their accompte yerelie in the Terme of Sancte Hilarie, and fullie and clearelie finche thesame accompte before the .x. daie of Marche then next folowing, and make full, and readie paiemente of the monie that shal appeare to be due vpon the foote, and determination of thesame accompte, before the .xx. daie



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of the said moneth of Marche, vpon paine of forfaiture to our said Souueraine Lorde the King their offices, and fees, and .iiii. s. of the pounde for euery daie that thei shall deteine, and withhold the said moneie, without making any paiement ther of, as is aforesaid.

And further be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al, & euery Receiuours, Collectours, & Bailiees of any the Kinges Honours, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentcs, or Reuenues for lacke of paiement, and leuyng of their said rentcs, issues, & Reuenues with in their offices, & charges, shal & maie haue power, & auctoritie from henceforth by vertue of this acte to distreigne for the same, & to vse, and ordeine the same distresses in such sort, & fourme, as any officer, or officers of the Kinges Courte of the Erchequier for leuyng and lacke of paiement of the kinges rentcs, & reuenues answerable in the same courte, heretofore haue lawfullie doen, and maie lawfullie vse to dooe, deliuering to the partie distreigned the surpluse, & ouerplus of the value of euery such distresse, if any shalbe, the kinges debtes, & duties being first paid, & the distreignaut answered of reasonable costes. & that the head, & chief officer, or officers of euery of the kinges courtcs of Reuenue being of Record or that shalbe of Record, shal haue full power, and auctoritie by vertue of this act to set, and aslesse reasonable fines, and amerciamentes vpon any Shieriefe, or Shieriefcs for not retourning, or misretourning of any writte to them directed, and deliuered out of any of the same Courtcs, touching, or concerning the leuyng, or answering of any of the said issues, Rentcs, or Reuenues, or of any debte due to our said Souueraine Lorde the king in such sort, and after such maner, & fourme as now is, or heretofore hath been lawfullie vled in the like, and such other cases in the kinges highnesse Courte of the Erchequier.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all Treasourers, and Chamberlaines, & general receiuors of any of the kinges graces Courtcs of Reuenue for the time being, and al custumers, and collectours of customes, or certein, & stalled subsidies with in any Port, Hauē, or Creke of this the kinges realme of England, that now be, or hereafter shalbe, within .x. daies nexte after notice to him, or them geuen fro the king, or .vi. of his moste honourable Privie Counsaile in writting signed with their handes, shal by themselves, or their sufficient Deputie, or Deputies, for whom thei wol answer, declare in writting, what summes of moneie then being due vnto our said Souueraine Lorde the king, be at that time in his, or their handes, or custodie, and shal make readie, and full paiement of al the said summes of moneie, as then shal remaine in his, or their handes, or custodie, ouer, and aboue thordinarie paiementcs, & summes of moneie contemned, and expessed in sufficient warraunte, or warrauntcs, resting and remaining in his, or their Office, or Offi-  
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ces, and being in their full force, strength, and effecte, and not lawefullie coustremained, nor reuoked to their knowelge, to the vse of our Soueraine Lozde the king at suche time, and in suche sorte, as he, or thei shalbe commaunded, and appointed by sufficient warraunt vpon peine of forsaicture of his, or their Office, or Offices.

And be it ferther enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that the same Treasurers, Chamberlaines, & generall Receiuours by themselves, or by their Deputie, or Deputies, for whom thei will answer, shall perelie, befoze the .xx. daie of June, make a perfecte account of al suche moneie, or treasure as hath comen to their handes to the Kinges vse, perelie, at, or befoze the .xx. daie of Marche then nexte befoze the said .xx. daie of June, and shal make a perfect and whole declaration in wryting, of the moneie remaining in euery of their handes, to the Kinges Maestie, or to his Prīue Counsaill perelie befoze the last daie of June then nexte folowing, and make paiemente of the same at suche time, and in suche sorte, as he, or thei shalbe commaunded, or appointed by sufficient warraunte, vpon peine of forsaicture of his, or their office, or offices.

And be it ferther enacted, that if any Treasurer, Receiuour, or ministre accountpante, or their Deputie, or Deputies dooe take, or receiue of any persone, or persones any summe, or summes of moneie, or other pzoofecte, of, and for the paiemente of any fees, Annulities, Pensiones, dueties, or warrauntes, moze, or otherwise then he, or thei male lawefullie dooe by fozeine lawes, and Statutes therein provided: that then the said Treasurer, Receiuour, and minister so offending shall forsaicte, and lose for euery pennie, or pennie woorth so to be taken, or receiued. vi. s. viii. d. to the partie griued, to be recovered in any of the Kinges Courtes of Recoꝛde, by bille, plainte, or Action of debte, in whiche sute no wager of lawe, essoine, or pzotection shalbe allowed.

And be it also enacted, that if any Auditour, or Auditours, or his, or their Deputie, or Deputies whiche ought to take the account of any Treasurer, Chamberlaine, Receiuour, or other officer accountpable befoze him, or them, dooe refuse, or willingly pzotracte and delaye the taking of the same account in suche wise, as it cannot be finished within the time, or times limited, & appointed by this Acte, for the taking, and finishing thereof, that then euery Auditour so refusing, or pzotracting, and delayng, as is aforesaid, and being thereof duellie, and lawefullie conuicte in the Courte where the Reuenue or charge of the same account is, or shalbe answerable to the king, shall incurre, forsaicte, and loose suche like peine, losse, and forsaicture, as the Treasurer, Chamberlaine, Receiuour, or other officer abouesaid, shal, and ought to dooe by this acte, for not accounting of, and for their charges, and Office, or Offices. And there by the same

thesame Treasourer, Chamberlaine, Receiour, and other Officer that shoulde accoumpte, and shalbe refused, or shalbe protracted, and delaied, as is aforesaid, shalbe discharged of any peine, losse, or forfeiture for not accoumpting, as is abovesaid.

And be it further enacted that the duplicate, or cople of every accoumpte that shalbe made by any Treasourer, or Receiour, or by their Deputie, or Deputies, in fourme aforesaid, within convenient time after the finishing of thesame accoupte, and at the reasonable requeste, and costes of suche accoumptaunte, shalbe deliuered to the, or any of them subscribed with the handes of the Auditour, or Auditors, that shal take thesame accoumpte, or of his, or their Deputie, or Deputies for whom he, or they will aunswere, upon paine that thesame Auditour, or Auditors shall lose, and forfeite to the Kinges Maiestie. x. l. for every suche defaulte.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thing therein contained shall in any wise extend to charge any Archebishops, or Bishops of this Realme, or of any other the Kinges Maiesties Dominions, or any of them at any time hereafter to make any maner of bondes, or to make their accoumpte, and paiement of the tenthes arising, and growing within any of their diocese due, or to be due to our saied Souverain lord the king, otherwise, or in any other maner, and fourme, then thei, or any of them heretofore haue been charged, or accoumptable, & chargeable by the Lawes, and Statutes of this Realme, any thing in this Acte to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies that this Acte, or any thing therein contained shal not extend to cause the Rentes, Profites, and Reuenues rising, and growing to the Kinges Maiestie within the Toune, or Marches of Calice, to be aunswered, or paid otherwise, or at any other daies, or times, then heretofore hath been used, and accustomed, any thing in this Acte to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thing therein contained shal in any wise extend to touche, or charge any Shirefe, Excheatour, or Collectour of any Dismes, Quindismes, Beneuolences, Contributions, or Subsidies (Subsidies of Tonnage, and poundage onely excepte) but that thei, and every of them shal, and maie doe, and exercise their saied severall Offices, and paie suche summes of moneie, as thei, or any of them, be, or hereafter shalbe charged withal by their saied severall Offices, in suche, and like sorte, maner, and fourme, as thei, and every of them haue vsuallie doen, or shoulde, or ought to dooe, if this Acte had neuer been hadde, or made: This Acte, or any thing therein contained in any wise to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

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**An Acte for the dissoluing, buniting, or annexing of cer-  
tein Courtes, latelie erected by the  
King that dead is.**



Here in the. xxvii. yere of the late King of fa-  
mouſe memoꝛie King Henrie theight, father to  
the Kinges Maieſtie that now is, there was  
ordeined, made, ſtabliſhed, and enacted by auc-  
thozitie of Parlaunte a certain Courte, com-  
munelie called, the Courte of thaugmentaciōs  
of the Reuenues of the Kinges Crowne: And  
where alſo in the. xxvii. yere of theſaid late King  
there was made and erected by aucthoꝛitie of Parlaunt, twoo ſe-  
uerall Courtes, the one comunelie called, the Courte of the fiꝛſt frui-  
ctes, and Tenthes: & the other the courte of the Kinges Wardes: And  
where alſo in the. xxviii. yere of theſaid late King, there was made,  
ſtabliſhed, and erected by aucthoꝛitie of Parlaunte, one Courte,  
comunelie called, the Courte of the general Surueighours of the  
Kinges landes: And where there is one other Courte, comunelie  
called, the Courte of the Duchie of Lancaſtre: after whiche ſaid ſe-  
uerall Courtes ſo erected, as is afoꝛeſaid, theſaid late King did re-  
peale, and diſſolue, extinguiſhe, & determine, alwell theſaid Courte  
of Augmentacion of the Reuenues of the Kinges Crowne, as alſo  
theſaid Courte of generall Surueighours of the Kinges landes, &  
the Officers of theſaid late Courtes of Chaugmentacions of the  
Kinges Crowne, and generall Surueighours of the Kinges landes,  
did ſurrendze their Patentes, and Offices into theſaid late Kinges  
handes: And after theſaid late King did, by his lettres Patentes,  
erecte one other Courte called, the Courte of Augmentacion, and re-  
uenues of the Kinges Crowne, and did, by theſame his lettres Pa-  
tentes, conſtitute, and appointe diuerſe Officers, and miniſtres foꝛ  
the ſuppliyng therof, as by theſame lettres Patentes, moze plainlie  
and at large, it maie, and dooeth appeare. And foꝛasmuche as ſens  
the erection of theſaid Courte of Augmentacion, and Reuenues  
of the Kinges Crowne ſtabliſhed, and erected by lettres Patentes,  
as is afoꝛeſaid, diuerſe ambiguities, and doubtſes haue riſen, and  
growen emong ſuche as bee learned in the Lawes of the Realme,  
whither the diſſoluing, ex tinguiſhing, and repealing of theſaid late  
Courtes erected by aucthoꝛitie of Parlaunte, as is afoꝛeſaid,  
might by thoꝛdze of the Lawe be diſſolued, extinguiſhed, and repea-  
led by lettres Patentes, conſidering that the commencement of the  
were fiꝛſt had, and made by aucthoꝛitie of Parlaunte, yea, or no:  
Wherupon great inconueniences might enſue, alwell to the Kinges  
Maieſtie, as to diuerſe of his graces moſte louing and obedient ſub-  
iectes,



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lectes, who haue had by exchange, purchase, gifte, or otherwise, diuerse Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other hereditamentes: For remedie, and declaration whereof.

Be it enacted by the King our Soueraine Lorde, and the Lordes, and Communes in this present Parlamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the saied lettres Patentes so made by the saied late king, and al, and every thing, and article therein contained shalbe as good, auailable, and effectuell in the lawe, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, as though the same hadde been made, and doen by auctoritie of Parlamente.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the kinges Maiestie shall, or maie at any time during his naturall life (whiche God long perserue) by his graces lettres Patentes, vnder his great Seale of Englande, at his moste gracious wille, & pleasure, alre, chaunge, vnite, transpose, dissolue, or determine, al, or any of the saied Courte, or Courtes, and to reduce the same Courtes, or any of them into one, twoo, or moze Courte, or Courtes, or to vnite, and annere the saied Courtes, or any twoo, or moze of them together, or to any other of his Maiesties Courtes of Record: Or to erecte any other newe Courte, or Courtes, as to his highnesse shalbe thought moste conuenient, and beste, for the better, surer, and moze speedie answer- ring of his yerelie Reuenues, casualties, or proficetes now answerable in the saied Courtes, or in any of them: And that al, and singular suche alterations, chaunginges, vnitinges, annexinges, transpos- singes, dissolunges, or determinacions of the saied Courtes, or of any of them so to be altered, chaunged, vnited, annexed, transposed, dissolued, or determined, or otherwise newelie to be erected, as is a- fforesaid, an concerning and ordze for the true paiement of the Re- uenues, Rentes, Issues, Casualties, and Proficetes of our saied Soueraine Lorde the King, as shalbe sette forth, and declared in any suche lettres Patentes, or writinges, vnder his great Seale of Englande, hereafter to bee made, sette forth, and declared, shalbe of suche like, and of the same force, and strength to al ententes, constru- ctions, and purposes, as though the same were, or shoulde haue been sette forth, or declared by auctoritie of Parlamente, the saied se- uerall erections, or any other thing heretofore had, or made to the contrarie thereof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

Provided alwaie, and be it enacted by thaurthoritie aforesaid, that any thing contained in the saied lettres Patentes made by the- saied late king, or in the lettres Patentes hereafter to be made by the Kinges highnesse that now is, concerning any peines, penalties, rules, or ordzes made, or to bee made, for the leuiyng of the Kin- ges Reuenues, Rentes, Issues, Casualties, or proficetes, shall not in any wise extende to charge any of the Kinges Subiectes in any other

other maner, or founte, then thei, or any of theim ought lawfully to haue been charged by the Lawes of the Realme, before the firste date of this present Parliament, or by any Statute made, or to be made in this present Session of Parliament.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesaid, that thesaid Letters Patentes, made in the time of thesaid late king, or any other Letters Patentes hereafter to be made by the kinges highnesse that now is, or any thing, or matter contained in this Acte, shall not in any wise extend to geue any power, or aucthoritie to the Chauncellour, and generall Surueighours of thesaid Courte of the Augmentacion, and reuenues of the kinges crowne, or to any Officer or Officers of thesame Courte, or to any other Courte, or Courttes hereafter to be erected by the kinges Maiestie, as is aforesaid, or to any other Officer, or Officers to be appointed in any of thesame courttes hereafter to be erected by the kinges highnesse, as is aforesaid, to heare, or determine any plet, matter, or cause betwene any of the kinges Subiectes, but onely in soche case, where the kinges highnesse is onely a mere, and a sole partie: Sauyng to all, and euery persone, and persones, and bodies Politique, and Corporate, and to euery of them soche Offices of Stewardshippes, Offices of Wastershippes of any Game, or Games, keepers of Forrestes, Chaces, Parkes, Houses, and Castelles, and the profeictes therunto belongyng, and all rentes, annuities, and fees, as thei, or any of theim haue, or ought to haue, if this Acte had neuer been had, ne made.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by theaucthoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thing therein contained, shall in any wise extend, or be construed to take awaie, extinct, or determine from any persone, or persones, their heires, successours, or assignes, or from any of theim, any fees, Annuities, Pensions, Stipendes, or Annuall paymentes of any summes of money, whiche thei, or any of theim haue, or of right might, or ought lawfully to haue by any Letters Patentes, or other sufficient wityng made before the xxvi. date of Marche, in the. vii. yere of the reigne of our Souerain Lorde the king that now is, but that all and euery persone, and persones, their heires, Successours, Executours, and Assignes, and euery of theim, whiche haue, or hereafter shall haue any fee, Annuity, Stipende, Pension, or Annuall payment of any Summe, or Summes of money payable yerely in any of thesaid Courttes, or by handes of any Officer, or officers of any of thesame Courttes, shall, and may perceiue, take, and receiue thesame, and shall yerely therof be paid of the kinges Treasure at the daies, and times comprised in soche Letters Patentes, or other witynges in any of thesaid Courttes, where now thesame is, or ought to be payable, as long as thesaid Court shall remain, and haue

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any beynge: And after in suche Court, or Courtes, as shall please the king newly to erect by thandes of thofficers of thesame court, and for default therof in any of the kinges courtes, wherein sufficient reuenue shall be to aunswere thesame of the kinges Treasure there, by the handes of thofficers of thesame Court, in suche like maner, and fourme, as thesame persone, and persones, their Heires, Executours, and Assignes, or any of theim should, and might haue dooen, or been paid in any other place, or court, if this Acte had neuer been had, or made, any thing in this Acte contained, or any other thing hereafter to be dooen, by reason, colour, or auctoritie of this Acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

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**C**An Acte for the confirmation of the Kinges Patenttes letters Patenttes of bargaines, and sales, notwithstanding the lacke, or losse of the particulars, or the Bill assigned of the Patenttee.



Whereas in the Session of the Parliament holden vpon Prorogacion at Westminster, the twentie and two daie of Januarie, in the. xxxiii. yere of the reigne of the late King of famous memorie King Henrie the eight, and there continued, and kept vntill the. xii. daie of Maie, in the. xxxv. yere of the reigne of thesaied late King, emonges diuerse and sondre, and many statutes, there was then one Statute made for the confirmation of letters Patenttes, notwithstanding any misnampng, mispension, or misrehearsall, or any other default contained, or rehearsed in thesame Acte: Wherein it was prouided, and enacted by thauctoritie of thesame Parliament, that al, and singular suche Patenttees, grauntees, and Donees, as at any time from the makynge of thesame Statute, durynge. vii. yeres then next folowynge should fortune to haue, or obtain any Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Tithes, Pensions, Portions, or other Hereditamentes of the gift, graunt, sale, or exchange of the Kinges Maiestie, or of the onely gift of the Kinges Maiestie, of his moste liberall disposition, and not solde, whiche at the date of the date of the Letters Patenttes therof made should be of more, and better yerely value to the King in yerely Rent, and Terme, then should be contained, mencioned, or specified in any suche Letters Patenttes, and particulars therof made by the Auditors, or Auditours, and in suche Bill, or Billes, as should be signed, and sealed with the hande, or handes of the Patenttee, or Patenttees therof to be exhibited to the kinges Maiestie, or his Officer, or officers, within whose Burueigh thesaid Manours,



Manours, landes, and Tenementes, and other the premises, or any parte thereof shoulde bee, or within any of theim, whiche bille, shoulde bee signed, Sealed, hadde, and made, as is aforesaid, befoze any Billes shoulde bee therof signed by the Kinges Maiestie, that then euery of thesaid Patentees, grauntees, and donees, their heires, exrecutours, and administrators, within one yere next after due prooofe, and decree therof had, and made in the courte, within whose Surueigh, thesame Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other the premises, or any parcell therof then shoulde be, shoulde contente, and paie vnto the Kinge for thesame ouerplus, and moze value for thesame Manours, Landes, Tenementes Tithes, Pensiones, Portions, and other Hereditamentes to him solde, or exchaunged, after soche rate as the other Landes, and Tenementes were befoze to him solde, or exchaunged, and for the ouerplus, and moze value of soche Landes, and Tenementes, as shoulde happen to bee geuen by the Kinges Maiestie, and not solde, as is abouesaid: The said Patentee, his Heires, Exrecutours, or Administratours shoulde content, and paie to the King, after the rate of twentie yeres purchase: So that thesame prooofe, and decree, were hadde, and made in fourme abouesaid, within tenne yeres nexte afte the date of thesaid Letters Patentes, as by the Statute moze at large it dooeth, and male appeare. And also wheras in the Parlaunte begonne at Westminster the .iiii. daie of Nouembze, in the first yere of the reigne of our most dread souueraine lord the King that now is, King Edward the sixt, and from thens continued to the .xxiii. daie of December then next ensuing: That is to saie, the first Session of thesame Parlaunte, emongest diuerse, and soondze Statutes, there was then also one other statute made for the Confirmatione of Lettres Patentes, notwithstanding any misnaming, misrehearsall, or any other defaulte contained, or rehearsed in thesame Acte: wherein it was also prouided, and enacted by the Auctoritie of the same Parliament, that all, and singulare soche Patentees, Grauntees, and Donees, as at any time after thesaid Parlaunte, and during the life of our said Souueraine Lord King Edward the sixt, shoulde fortune to haue, or obtaine any Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Tithes, Pensiones, Portiones, or other Hereditamentes of the Gift, Graunt, Sale, or Exchaunge of the Kinges Maiestie, or of the onely Gift of the Kinges Maiestie of his mozte liberalle dispositione, and not solde, whiche at the date of the date of the Lettres Patentes thereof made, shoulde bee of moze, or better perelie value to the King in perelie rent, and ferme, the shoulde be contained, mencioned, and specified in any soche Lettres Patentes, and particulars thereof made by the particular Surueighour, or Surueighours therof. And in soche bille, or billes, as shoulde be signed

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ned, and sealed with the hande, or handes of the Patentee, or Patentees therof to be exhibited to the Kinges Maiestie, or his Officer or officers, within whose surueigh thesaid Manours, Landes, and Tenementes, and other the Premisses, or any parte therof shoulde be, or within any of thein, whiche bille shoulde be Signed, Sealed, hadde, and made, as is aforesaid, befoze any Bille shoulde be therof signed by the Kinges Maiestie: That then euery of thesaid Patentees, Grauntees, and Donees, their Heires, Executours, or Administratours within one yere nexte after due prooffe, and Decrees therof made, and had in the Court, within whose surueigh thesame Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other the premisses or any parcel therof befoze thesaid giffes, and grauntes wer, shoulde content, and paie to the King for thesame ouerplus, and moze value of thesame Manours, Landes, Tenementes, tithes, Denisons, portions, & other hereditamentes to him solde, & exchaunged after soche rate as other Landes, & tenementes were befoze to him solde, or exchaunged, & for thouerplus, and moze value of soche Landes, & tenementes, as shoulde happen to be geuen by the Kinges Maiestie, & not solde, as is abouesaid, thesaid Patentee, his Heires, executours, or Administratours shoulde contente, and paie to the King, after the rate of .xx. yerres purchase, so that thesame prooffe, and Decree were hadde, and made, in maner, and fourme aforesaid, within tenne yerres nexte after the date of thesame Letters Patentes, as by the same Statute moze at large it dooeth, and maie appeare: Sithens the making of whiche statutes, diuerse of thesaid Patentees, grauntees, and donees, according to the true meaning, and entent of thesaid Statutes, and provisions of thesame, haue by their Billes seuerall signed, and Sealed with the handes, and Seales of thesaid Patentees exhibited to the Kinges Maiestie, or to his officer mentioned in thesaid seuerall Actes, and Provisions, befoze thesame Bille were signed by thesaid late King, or by the Kinges highnes that now is: Whiche Billes signed by thesaid Patentees, some time by the negligence of thesame Officers, or their Clerkes, some time by the death of thesame Officers, and sometime by the Alteration, and chaunge of thesaid Officers, many of thesaid Billes so signed, and sealed bee now by negligence embeaseled, and losse, and many times there haue been no soche Billes made, but omitted, and forgotten: by reason wherof diuerse Questions, Ambiguities and doubttes maie arise, aswell for the Kinges Suretie, and satisfaction, as for the Patentees, their Heires, and Assignes. For the auoiding of all whiche ambiguities, questions, and doubttes: Bee it enacted by the King our Souueraine Lorde, the Lordes Spirituall, and Tempozall, and the Communes in this presente Parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that aswell all and



and singular lettres Patentees made by thesaid late King, as by the Kinges Maiestie that now is, sithens the making of thesaid seuerall Statutes & Actes, or that hereafter shalbe made by our saied Soueraine Lorde the King that now is, during his life (whose life God long preserve) shalbe good, and effectual to all, and euery patentee, their heires, & assignes, the lacke, or want of any soche bille, or billes or whether the particular, or particulares were had, or made, or hereafter to be had, or made by any of the Kinges auditour, or auditours surueighour, or surueighours in any wise notwithstanding. And that thesame patentees, grauntees, and donees, their heires, and assignes and euery of them shal from henceforth haue, and take, al, and singular soche profitees, benefeictes, commodities, & aduantages mentioned in thesaid seuerall Statutes, as though thesaid billes had been signed, and sealed, and were readie to be shewed, according to the true entent of thesaid Statutes, or any of them.

And to thentent the King shalbe truelie answered of thouerplus of the perellie value of thesaid manours, landes, & tenementes, and hereditamentes contained, or to be contained in any soche lettres patentees, as is aforesaid, according to the true meaning of thesaid Acte, or Actes, & the prouisions of thesame: Be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that al, and singular soche patentees, grauntees, and donees, as at any time from the making of thesaid seuerall Statutes haue obtained, or gotten, or hereafter shall obtaine, or get any Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Tithes, Pensiones, Portions, or other hereditamentes of the gifte, graunte, sale, or exchange of thesaid late King, or of the King that now is, or of thonlie gifte of thesaid Kinges, or of any of them, of his, or their mooste liberal disposicion, or of any of them, & not solde, whiche at the date of the lettres patentees therof made, or hereafter to be made, shalbe of moze, or better perellie value to thesaid late King, or to the King that now is in perellie rent, and ferme, then is, or shalbe contained mentioned, or specified in any soche lettres patentees, or particulars therof made by thesaid Auditour, or Auditours, Surueighour, or Surueighours, or other officers, that then euery of thesaid Patentees, grauntees, and donees, their executours, and assignes, within one yere nexte after due prouise, and decree therof made, and had in the Courte within whose surueighe thesame Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other the premisses, or any parcel therof then were, or shalbe, shal contente, and paie vnto the King for thesame ouerplus, and moze value for thesame Manours, Landes, tenementes, tithes, pensiones, portions, and other hereditamentes to him, or them solde, or exchanged, or hereafter to be solde, or exchanged after soche rate, as the other Landes, & Tenementes were before to him solde, or exchanged, or that hereafter shalbe so solde, or



exchaunged, and for the ouerplus, and moze value of soche landes, and Tenementes as hath been geuen by thesaied late King, or the Kinges Maiestie that now is, or that hereafter shalbe geuen by the King that now is, and not solde, as is abouesaid, thesaied Patentes and Patentees, & his, and their heires, executors, and assignes shal content, and paie to the King after the rate of .xx. yerres purchase, so that thesame prouise, and decree be, or shalbe made, in fourme aforesaid, within .xvi. yerres next after the date of soche, and thesame lettres Patentes made, or to be made, in fourme aforesaid.

Þrouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, or any prouission therein contained, shal not in any wise extende to confirme, ratifie, or make good any lease, or leases made, or hereafter to be made for terme of life, liues, or yerres, where upon, the olde, and accustomed rentes, or moze bee noe, or hereafter shal not be reserved, and perelie payable during the tyme, and terme of thesaied lease, and leases, nor to any lease, or leases made in reuer- sion of any parte, or parcel of any Manours, Landes, Tenementes or hereditamentes parcel of the Duchie of Lancastre, or within the Burueigh of thesame Duchie.

Þrouided also, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thing therein contained, shal extende to confirme, ratifie, or make good any lettres Patentes heretofore made, or here after to be made of estate of enheritaunce, by any King, or Kinges of this Realme, but to soche lettres Patentes, as were made by the saied late King Henrie theight, sens thesaied .iiij. date of Februarie, in thesaied .xxvii. yere of his Reigne, or hath been, or hereafter shalbe made by the Kinges Maiestie that now is during his life (whiche God long pferue) any thing, or matter contained in this Acte, or in any of the prouissions befoze rehearsed to the contrarie therof in any wise notwithstanding.

And where also the late King of famous memoire Henrie theight and also our Souueraine Lorde the Kinges Maiestie that now is, as wel by diuerse bargaines, and sales, for diuerse great summes of monie, as by giffes, exchaunges, or other wise haue geuen, & graun- ted by their seuerall lettres Patentes, vnder the greäte seale of En- glande, or vnder the great seale of the Duchie of Lancastre, diuerse manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes with the appurtenaunces to diuerse, and sundrie their louing subiectes, of a ny estate of enheritaunce to holde in Socage onelie, & not in Capite, for al maner of seruices, and without reseruacion of any Tenthes, or rentes in thesame lettres Patentes, as by thesame seuerall Let- tres Patentes maie appeare. And forasmuche as by certeine Sta- tutes heretofore made, doubtes, and ambiguities maie arise vpon soche lettres Patentes for lacke of Tenures in Capite, or reserua- cions

tions of tenthes, or rentes, whiche might be herafter to the inquiet-  
 nesse of loche Patentees, their heires, assignes, or successours con-  
 trarie to the ententes, and mindes of thesaied late King, and of our  
 saied Souveraine Lozde the Kinges Maestie that now is, for the  
 advoiding of all Doubtes, and ambiguities, and for the quietnesse  
 of the Kinges louing subiectes: Bee it also enacted, and established  
 by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al lettres Patentees sealed, or heraf-  
 ter to be sealed with the great Seale of England, or with the great  
 Seale of the Duchie of Lancastre, shalbe good, perfecte, and avail-  
 lable in Lawe to all ententes, and purposes, accordyng to thesaied  
 lettres Patentees, the nonage of our Souveraine Lozde the Kinges  
 Maestie that now is, as Duke of Lancastre, albeit alwaies as King  
 he is of ful age, or any Acte, Statute, or Lawes, for, or concerning  
 any Tenures, or reseruacions of Rentes, or Tenthes to the contra-  
 rie notwithstanding: Hauing to al, and euery persone, and persones  
 bodiees Politique, and Corpozate, their Heires, Successours, Exe-  
 cutours, and assignes, and to euery of theim, other then the Kinges  
 Maestie, his Heires, and Successours, as Kinges of this Realme,  
 or as Dukes of Lancastre, all, and euery loche Rightes, Titles,  
 Leases, Condicions, Rentes, and interestes whatsoeuer, as thei, or  
 any of them should, ought, or might haue had, if this Acte had neuer  
 been had, or made. This Acte, or any thing therein contened to the  
 contrarie, in any wise notwithstanding.

**The. iiii. Chapitre.**

**An Acte that al Patentees of Collectourshippes  
 of Tenthes shalbe bounde for their  
 Collections.**



Here the Archebishops, and Bishops of this  
 Realme of Englande are bounde to the Kinges  
 Maestie for the collecting, and true paiemente of  
 the Dismes, or Tenthes due to his highnesse for  
 al, and singulare Benefices, and other Ecclesiast-  
 icall Promotions whatsoeuer being within their  
 feuerall Diocese: for the Collection wherof, di-  
 uerse of the predecessours of thesaied Archebishops, and Bishops  
 haue by their lettres Patentees confirmed with Chapitre seale  
 geuen, and graunted to sundrie persones without prouision of suffi-  
 cient bondes for the true collection, & paiemente of thesaied Dismes,  
 or Tenthe, to our Souveraine Lozde, or otherwise, to discharge the  
 grauntours of thesaied Patentees, and their Successours, whereby  
 the Kinges Maestie hath been greatlie defrauded of his saied due-  
 ties, and many of thesaied Bishops soze troubled, to their greate  
 hinderaunce, and bitter vndoing.

Bee it therefore enacted by our Souveraine Lozde the King,  
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with thassent of the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Comunes in this presente Parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that al Collectours of thesaied Tenthes vnder any Archebischoppe, or Bischoppe within this Realme of Englande, or other the Kinges dominions, hauing lettres Patentes, or other writings of their saied office of Collectourshippe of thesaied Tenthes, shal befoze the feast of the Nativite of Saincte Ihon Baptist nexte coming, be bounde by their sufficient writing obligatorie, or recognisance, in the Courte of the first fructes, and Tenth, or in any other Courte, where the Kinges reuenuies of the Tenth shalbe answerable, in soche summe, or summes of monie, as shalbe deuowe and growing yrelle to our Souueraine Lorde the King, within their saied Collection, or Office, to saue, & kepe thesaied Archebischoppes, or Bischoppes, and euery of them harmelesse, and without hurte, or damage, against the Kinges Maestie, his Heires, and successours of, and for all maner of accomptes, and payementes of monie, whiche thei, or any of theim haue, shall, or maie couenientlie receiue, during the tyme of their seuerall Collections, and that maie be lawefulle demaunded, or required of thesaied Archebischoppes, or Bischoppes, or any of theim, for, or concerning thesaied Tenthes by reason of the Statute of the first fructes, and Tenth, or elles their saied Lettres Patentes, and other writings to be vtterlie boide, and of none effecte. And for that the Persones, Vicars, and Curates within this Realme, for the moste parte, be not hable to paie their Tenthes, befoze that thei shal haue receiued the pofectes of their Benefices, whiche yrelle groweth, and renueth to them at the feast of Easter, whiche feast in many yeres falleth after the first daie of Aprile, whiche saied firste daie of Aprile is now the daie that is stalled, and appointed to thesaied Archebischoppes, and Bischoppes, to make payementes to the Kinges Maestie of thesaied Tenthes: Bee it therefore enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that thesaied Archebischoppes, and Bischoppes, and euery of theim, shall from henceforth make yrelle payementes of thesaied Tenthes, vnto our saied Souueraine Lorde, his Heires, and Successours, in the Courte of the first fructes, and Tenth, or elles where it shal please the Kinges Maestie to appointe the payementes of the same, befoze, or at the laste daie of Maie, and not otherwise. And that the certificat of Recusantes made by any of thesaied Archebischoppes, or Bischoppes, or any of theim, befoze, or at thesaied laste daie of Maie yrelle, shalbe as good, and effectuell in the Lawe, to all ententes, constructiones, and purposes, as though it hadde been made at the daies, and tymes heretofore limited, and appointed by the Statute made in the .xxvi. yere of the reigne of his moste noble father of famousse memorie Kinge Henrie the eight, for payementes of



of tenthes, and first fructes, any lawe, or Statute heretofore had or made to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

And bee it ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any Promotion Spirituall be now, or shall chaunce hereafter to be or remaine in soche sorte void, that no Incumbent is, or canne bee conuenientlie prouided for thesame: That then thesaid Archebishops, and Bishops, and euery of theim shall, and maie certifie yerelie befoze laste daie of Maie thesame vacations speciallie, and according to the trouthe of the matier, into thesaid Courte of the firste fructes, and Tenth, or in any other Courte, where the Kinges reuenues of Tenthes shalbe answerable, vpon whiche certificat, thesaid Archebishops, and Bishops, and euery of theim, shalbee discharged forwardes, and againste the Kinges Maiestie, his Heires, and Successours, in like sorte as thei now bee, vpon their Certificate of the Recusantes: And that then, and from thensforth, it shalbe lawefull to the Kinges Maiestie, his Heires, and Successours, to leuie, and take al the glebe landes, Tithes, Issues, or profeictes of thesaid Benefice, or Spirituall Promotion so especiallie certified, as is aforesaid, vntil his Grace, his Heires, and Successours maie be fullie answered, satisfied, & paid of the whole Arerages of thesaid Tenthes then due to his Maiestie, and thesaid Archebishops, and Bishops, and euery of theim to bee from the time of thesaid especial certificat, clerelie exonerated, and discharged againste the King, his Heires, and Successours of thesame arerages, any Lawe, or Statute heretofore hadde, or made to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it ferther enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that al, and euery Graunt, Patent, or writing whatsoeuer, that shall hereafter bee made to any persone, or persones, by any Archebishoppe, or Bishoppe, by themselves, or els by any Archebishoppe, or Bishoppe, confirmed by Chaptre Seale, withih this Realme of Englande, or els where within the kinges dominions, of thoffice of Collectourshippe of the tenthes growing, and arising yerelie to be due vnto our said Souueraine lord the king, within the Diocese, and Bishoprike of any soche grauntour, by the reason of the statute of the first fructes and Tenthes, shall stande, abide, and endure in his, or their force, strength, and effecte nomore, nor longer time, then thesaid grauntour shalbe, and remaine Archebishoppe, or Bishoppe of thesame see and Bishoprike, whereof he was possessed at the time of his said graunt any confirmation of thesaid graunte, or any custome blage Lawe, or Statute at any time heretofore hadde, vsed, or made to the contrarie, in any wise notwithstanding.

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**C**In Acte to auoide the great prices  
and excesse of Wines.



**F**OR thauiding of many inconueniences, moche  
ciuil rule, and commune resoꝛte of misruled per-  
sones bled, and frequented in many tauernes of  
late newlie set bp in very great numbꝛe, in backe  
lanes, coꝛners, and suspicious places within the  
citie of London, & in diuerse other townes, & vil-  
lages within this realme: be it enacted by thauc-  
toꝛitie of this pꝛesent parliament, that no person  
oꝛ persones whatsoeuer enhabiting within any of the kinges Ma-  
iesties dominions of Englande, and Wales, shal after the feast of S.  
Michael tharchaungel next coming, bttter by retaile, by smal mea-  
sure: that is to saie, by Gallone, oꝛ any other Measure of greater, oꝛ  
lesse quantitie, any Wines called Gascon, Guion, oꝛ Frenche Wines  
but after the rate of. viii. s. the gallone at the most, by any maner of  
meanes, colour, engine, oꝛ crafte: noꝛ any Rochell Wines at greater  
prices, oꝛ valuatione then after the rate of. iiii. s. the Gallone at the  
most, noꝛ any other Wine, oꝛ Wines, at greater pꝛice, oꝛ valuation,  
then after the rate of. xii. s. the Gallon at the most, vpon peine that  
euery persone doing the contrarie, shall foꝛsaicte foꝛ euery soche of-  
fence. v. l. of lawfull monie of Englande.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoꝛitie afoꝛsaied, that it shall  
not be lawfull to any person, oꝛ persones within any the dominions  
afoꝛsaied, except he, oꝛ thei shall, and maie dispende in landes, tene-  
mentes, hereditamentes, oꝛ other yerelie pꝛofites certeine the sūme  
of C. markes of lawfull moneie of Englande, oꝛ els be worth of his  
aʒone pꝛopꝛe gooddes, and Cattalles, one. M. Markes, oꝛ shalbe the  
sonne of a Duke, Marques, Erle, Vicount, oꝛ Baro of this realme  
to haue, oꝛ kepe after thesaied feast of S. Michael tharchaungel, in  
his house, oꝛ custodie, any piece, oꝛ vessell of any of thesaied Wines of  
Gascon, Guio, Frenche, oꝛ Rochel wines, conteining aboue the qua-  
titie of. x. Gallons, to thetent to spende, oꝛ dꝛinke thesame in his, oꝛ  
their house, oꝛ houses, by any colour, oꝛ meanes, vpon peine to foꝛ-  
saicte foꝛ euery soche offence. x. l. of lawfull moneie of Englande

And also be it ferther enacted by the aucthoꝛitie of this pꝛesente  
Parlament, that it shall not be lawfull to any persone, oꝛ persones,  
within any of thesaied dominions, after thesaied feast of S. Michael  
to kepe any Tauerne, oꝛ to sell, or bttter by retaile, by the Gallon, oꝛ  
lesse, oꝛ greater measure in any place, any of thesaied wine, oꝛ wines  
within any of thesaied dominions, except it be in citie, townes coꝛ-  
poꝛate, boꝛoughes, poꝛte townes, oꝛ market townes, oꝛ in the townes  
of



of Grauelende, Sittynghbourne, Tuxforde, and Bagshot, vpon pain that euery persone, or persones that shall so offende contrary to the fourme of this act, shall lose, and forsaite for euery daie so offendynge the summe of .x. l. of Lawfull money of Englande, nor that it shalbe lawfull to any persone, or persones after thesaied feast of saint Michael, to kepe any Tauerne, or sell, or vtter by retaille, by the gallone, or lesse, or greater measure in any Citie, Bozough, or toune corpozate, any maner of wines, but onely suche persone, and persones as shalbe therunto nominated, appoynted, and assigned by the head Officers, and the moste part of the commune Counsaill, Aldermen, Burgeses, Jurates, or communalitie for the time beyng of suche Citie, Bozough or Toune corpozate, where suche persone, or persones shall Tauerne, sell, or vtter wine by retaille, as is aforesaid: thesaied nomination, and assignement to be made by wrytyng vnder the commune seale of suche Citie, Bozough, or Toune corpozate, as is aforesaid, and thesaied nomination, appoyntment, and assignement shall continue in their force or be chaunged at the election, and pleasure of the head Officer, or officers, and the moste part of the commune counsaill, Aldermen, Burgeses, Jurates, or Communalitie for the time beyng of suche Citie, Bozough, or Toune Corpozate by wrytyng, and vnder suche Commune Seale, as is aforesaid, nor that it shalbe Lawfull to any persone, or persones to kepe any Tauerne, or to sell, or vtter any wine by retaille, as is aforesaid, in any Citie, Bozough, Port Toune, or Market Toune not corpozate, within the realme of Englande, or Wales, or in thesaied Tounes of Grauelende, Sittynghbourne, or Bagshotte, but onely suche persone, or persones as therunto shalbe assigned, nominated, and appoynted by all, or the moste parte of the Iustices of Peace for the time beyng of suche Shire, or countie where suche Tauerne, or sellynge of wine by retaille shalbe had, or allowed, as shalbe present at the generall Session for the time beyng, to be holden within euery of thesaied Shires, or Counties, thesaied assignement, nomination, and appoyntment to be had, and made in full Session by wrytyng vnder the seuerall Seale of euery of thesaied Iustices, and to be continued, altered, or chaunged, in like fourme, and by like auctoritie as is last aforesaid, vpon pain that euery persone that shall after thesaied feast, sell, or retaille any Wine beyng not therunto licenced, and auctorised, as is aforesaid, shall forsaite, and lose for euery daie that he shall so offende, .v. l. of lawfull money of Englande: Nor that any persone, or persones hauing auctoritie by this present acte to nominate, assigne, or appoynt what persones shall Tauerne, vtter, or sell Wine by retaille, as is aforesaid, shall nominate, assigne, or appoynt by his, or their wrytyng any mo, or greater numbze of Tauerne, or Wine sellers by retaille to sell, or vtter Wine, or kepe, or continue any Tauerne



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Tauernes at one time, in any one Citie, Bozough, Towne Corporate, Port Towne, or Market Towne, or in Grauesende, Sittynghourne, or Bagthotte, (all and euery soche Citie and Towne hereafter expressly named onely except) then two Wine Sellers, or Tauernes. And it shall not be Lawfull to any persone, or persones haupng authoritie to nominate, assigne, or appoint Tauernes, or Sellers of wine by retaile by this Acte to nominate, assigne, or appoint by writyng any mo, or greater numbre of Tauernes, or Wine Sellers in the Citie of London to sell, or utter Wine by retaile at any time aboute the numbre of .xl. Tauernes, or Wine sellers. And in Yorke. viii. in Norwich. iiii. in Westminster. iiii. in Bristole. vi. in Lincolne. iiii. Kingston vpon Hulle. iiii. in Shyrewesburie. iiii. in Exeter. iiii. in Salisburie ii. in Gloucester. iiii. in Westchester. iiii. in Hereforde Cast. iiii. in Worcester. iii. in Southampton iii. in Cantorburie. iiii. in Ipswich. iii. in Winchester iii. Oxforde. iiii. in Cambridge iiii. in Colchester. iiii. in Newcastell vpon Tyne. iiii. Tauernes, or wine Sellers, vpon pain, that euery persone authorized by this act to nominate, assigne, or appoint Tauernes, or wine Sellers, to forsaite for euery nomination, assignement, or appointment by him made, contrary to the fourme of this Acte. v. li.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that no persone, or persones whatsoeuer, from, and after thesaid feast of Saint Michael, shall sell, or utter by retaile any kinde of wine, or wines to be drunke, or spent in his, or their mansion house, or houses, or other place in his, or their tenure, or occupation by any colour, craft, engine, or meane, vpon pain to forsaite for euery soche offence. x. li. of lawfull money of Englande, thone halfe of all whiche forsaictures shalbe to the king our Souereign Lorde, and thother halfe to him or them that will sue for thesame by accion of debt, bill, plaint, or informacion in any of the kinges courtes of record, in whiche accion, or sute, no essoine, wager of lawe, or proteccion shalbe allowed.

Provided alwaies that it shalbe Lawfull for all, and euery merchant, and Merchantes aduenturyng for thesame at his, or their awne costes, and charges, to haue, and kepe to spende in his, or their house, or houses soche Wine, or Wines, as he shall transport, or cause to be transported into this Realme, or any part therof, not takyng any money, or other recompense for thesame that shalbe so spent in his, or their houses, and that it shalbe Lawfull to euery high Sherief of euery Countie, Maior, Balief, and Sherief of euery Citie, and Towne Corporate, within this Realme of Englande, and other thesaid Dominions for the time bepng, durpng his, or their Office of charge, and to euery other persone inhabityng, or dwellyng in any of the kinges Maiesties Fortes, or Townes fortified, and kept for the warters

warrres, during his, or their dwellinges in any soche Forfe, or toun  
of warre, to haue wine in their houses by the vessel, to spede the same  
in his, or their houses without taking any moneie, or other recom-  
pense for the same so spent in his, or their house or other place in their  
tenure or occupacion. This Acte, or any thing therein contained to the  
contrarie, in any wise notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that the Ju-  
stices of peace of euery Shire, or Countie, citie, & toun corporate in  
their seuerall sessions, & the stuarde in euery lete, & the Sherief in his  
tourne, and euery Exchetour shal haue full power, and authozitie by  
this present Acte to enquire by the othes of. xii. laweful men of al, &  
euery offence, & offences perpetrated, or dooen contrary to the forme  
of this Acte. And that euery inquirie, & presentment taken, & had by  
the othes of. xii. laweful men, as is aforesaid, shalbe of soche force, &  
effecte, as if the same were taken, or had before the King in his Ma-  
iesties bench. And that euery of the peines, penalties, & forfeitures  
aforesaid, to be due by force of this Acte, for any offence to be com-  
mitted or dooen by any person or persones, contrary to the forme of  
this present Acte, as shalbe found by presentment before the said Ju-  
stices of peace, Exchetours, Sheriefe, or Stuarde by veredict of. xii.  
men, as is aforesaid, & no bille, plaint, action, or informacion therof  
commenced in any of the Kinges courtres of Record, shalbe diuided  
equallie in twoo partes, wherof the one shalbe to the King our sou-  
uerain lord, his heires & successours. And thother to be to the poore  
people of the toun, or place, where soche presentment shalbe founde.

Provided alwaies, & be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that this Acte, or any thing therein contained, shal not extende to  
charge any person, or persones with any penalty, or forfeiture, for,  
& concerning any offence to be dooen contrary to the tenour of this acte,  
onlesse he, or thei so offending be sued, indicted, or presented for the same  
within one yere next after the same offence be dooen, & committed, as is aforesaid,  
any thing in this acte contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, that this act, or any thing therein contained, shal not  
in any wise be prejudicial, or hurtful to any of the vniuersities of Ox-  
forde, & Cambridge, or to the Chauncellour, or Scholars of the same  
or their successours, or any of the to empaire, or take awaye any of the  
liberties, priuileges, franchises, iurisdiccions, powers, or authozities  
to them, or any of them appertaining, or belonging, but that thei, & euery  
of them, & their successours maie haue, holde, vse, & enioie all their  
liberties, priuileges, franchises, iurisdiccions, powers, and autho-  
rities, in soche large and ample wise, as though this acte had neuer  
been had, ne made, so alwaies that there be not any more, or greater  
nũbre of rauernes kept, or mainteined, within any of the said townes  
of Oxforde, or Cambridge, then maie be lawfullie kept & mainteined



by the pꝛouision, true meaning, and entente of this Statute, any thing in this pꝛouiso mencioned to the contrarie notwithstanding.

¶ The. vi. Chapitre.

¶ An Acte reuining a statute made in the. xviij. yere of King Edward the. iij. touching the cariꝝng of Golde, and Siluer out of the Realme.



¶ Here in the Parlaꝛmente begonne, and holden at Westminster the. xvi. daie of Januarie, in the. xviij. yere of King Edward the. iij. emonges other it was ordeined by thaucthoꝛitie of thesame Parlaꝛmente, that no person should carrie, oꝛ make to be carried out of this realme, oꝛ Wales froꝛ no part of thesame, any maner of monete of the coigne of this Realme, noꝛ monete of the coigne of other Realmes, landes, oꝛ loꝛdshippes, noꝛ plate, vessel, bullion, oꝛ iewel of golde garnished, oꝛ yngarnished, oꝛ of siluer. wout the Kinges licence, but soche persons as be dispensed within the statute made in the. ii. yere of King Henrie the. vi. & other diuerse statutes made byꝝ peine of felonie, as in the said statute, and oꝛdinaunce moze plainlie doeth appeare, the whiche statute & oꝛdinaunce was made to endure froꝛ the feast of Easter, in the. xviij. yere of thesaid King Edward the. iij. vnto theende of. viij. yeres then next ensuing, whiche statute & oꝛdinaunce befoꝛe rehearsed, by aucthoꝛitie of parlaꝛmete holden in the. iij. yere of the late king of famous memoꝛie King Henrie the. vi. was affirmed & enacted to be good, & effectual froꝛ the feast of the Puriꝛication of our Ladie, in the yere of our Loꝛde God. .m. and to endure to the ende of. xx. yeres then next ensuing, as by thesame statute also moze plainlie appereth: sithen the whiche. xx. yeres so expired, the golde & siluer of the coigne of this realme, hath, & daieleie is, and been carried, & conueighed in to Flaundres, Fraunce, Normadie, Britaine, Ireland, & other parties beyonde the sea, aswel by merchaunt straungiers, as by Denizens, to the great impouꝛishing of this realme, & greater is like to be, onlesse remedie therfoꝛe spedelie be pꝛouided. Be it therfoꝛe enacted by aucthoꝛitie of this Parlaꝛmente, that thesaid statute, & oꝛdinaunce befoꝛe rehearsed, made in thesaid xviij. yere of King Edward the. iij. & euery article, clause, sentence, oꝛ pꝛouisiõ therin contained, shalbe affirmed, & enacted to be good, & effectual from the first daie of Maie next coming, and to endure to theende of. xx. yeres then next ensuing.

¶ Pꝛouided alwaies, that if any of the loꝛdes of the Parlaꝛmente, oꝛ any of the peres of this Realme foꝛ the time being, shal foꝛtune to be endicted of any of the offences limited in thesaid Acte made in thesaid. xviij. yere of King Edward the. iij. that then thei, and euery of them, shal haue his, oꝛ their triall by their peres, as hath been vbled heretofore, in cases of high treason.

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## The. vii. Chapitre:

## An Acte for the Assise of fuel.



Here thassise, and measure of Talwood, billet, fagot, Coles, and other fuel appointed, and assised by an Acte of Parleme[n]te made at Westminster, the. xxi. daie of Januarie, in the. xxiii. yere of the reigne of our late Souuerain Lozde King Henrie the. viii. is the same assise that was kept in the time of King Edward the. iiii. whiche assise hath not been kept, ne could conuenientlie be kept these. lx. yeres, noz at these daies can be kept by reason of the great scarcitie of wooddes that is happened sens the time of the said King Edward the. iiii. And also by reason of the greatnesse of the said assise, the same fuel, noz coles cannot be caried at these daies without alteracio[n] of the cartes, wherin soche fuel & coles are now caried, by reaso[n] wherof, & for that that in the said statute, the penaltie whiche is the forfaiture of the said fuel, or coles, lacking the said assise contained in the said Acte, dependeth vpon the buier therof, & not vpon the seller, ne maker, marker, or feller of the same. By reason wherof diuerse Cities, & Countreies are like presentlie to lacke fuel, & coles, onelesse spedie remedie be shortly had in this behalf. For redress wherof: Be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliamēt, that no person, or persons shal susteine any losse, peine, or penaltie for buiying, or selling of any talwood, billet, or fagot now cut & made, although the same be not of thassise contained in the said acte, any thing contained in the same Acte notwithstanding. And that al talwood, billet, fagot, & coles to be made, & put to sale in the cities of London, or Westminster, or in the suburbes of the same, after the last daie of Septembze next coming, shal kepe thassises hereafter expessed, that is to weete, that euery sacke of coles contain. iiii. bushels of good, or cleane coles. And that euery talshide containe in length. iiii. fote besides the carse. And euery talshide named of one, to containe in greatnesse within a fote of the middest. xvi. inches about. And euery talshide named of. ii. to containe in greatnesse within a fote of the middest. xxiii. inches about. And euery talshide named of. iii. to containe in greatnesse within a fote of the middest. xxviii. inches about. And euery talshide named of. iiii. to containe in greatnesse within a fote of the middest. xxxiii. inches about. And euery talshide named of. v. to containe in greatnesse within a fote of the middest. xxxviii. inches about. And euery billet to containe in length. iii. fote. &. iiii. inches. And euery billet named a single, to containe. vii. inches. vi. about. And euery billet named to be a cast, to containe. x. inches about. And euery billet named of. ii. cast, to containe. xiiii. inches about. And euery fagotbed to containe in length. iii. fote. And the bond of euery soche fagot to be of. xxiiii. inches about besides the knotte, whiche assises are litle lesse then the

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assises confained in thesaied former acte, and also are moche greater the any assise that now is, or of long time hath been comunelic kept.

And be it ferther enacted, that it shalbe lawfull frohenfoozth, for every owner without daungier of any forsaicture to make billetes of .ij. castes. And that all billetes of .ij. castes fromhenfoozth to be made, & put to sale, shalbe of thassise herin copysed, or more, & shalbe marked onelie within .vi. inchs of the middell therof. And that every billet of one caste fromhenfoozth to be made, and put to sale, shalbe onelie marked within .iiii. inches of theende therof, vpon peine that every maker, and every seller that shal make any soche fuel, or coles and put thesame to sale, to forsaicte for every thide of tallwood billet, sagot, or sacke of coles from henfoozth put to sale, lacking of thassise asforesaid, .iiij. s. .iiiij. d. And that this present statute onlie, & no other statute of assise of fuel, or coles, shal from henfoozth stande in force, ne take place. And forasmuche as by the greedie appetite, and couetousnesse of diuerse persones, fuel, coles, & wood runeth many times thzough, .iiii. or .v. several handes, or moe, befoze it cometh to the handes of them, that for their necessitie dooe burne, or retaile thesame.

Be it ferther enacted that from the first date of Whate next coming no persone, or persones shal buie any soche wood, coles, or fuell, but onelie soche as wil burne, or consume thesame, or soche persones, as shal sel thesame again by retaile to soche, as shal burne or consume the same for their owne occupiing, without fraude or couine, or whatfingers, or bargemen, vpon peine to forsaicte the treble value of all soche wood, coles, and fuel, as shalbe otherwile bought for any lucre or game. And that no persone, or persones shall altre any marke, or assise of any of thesaied fuel marked, or filed according to this Statute in peine of like forsaicture, as is asforesaid: thone haulfe of all whiche forsaicture herin contened, shalbe to the Kinge our Soueraine lord, & thother haulf to him, or them that wil sue for thesame by action of debte, bille, plainte, or informacion, in any of the Kinges courtes of Recorde, wherin no essoine, protectio, nor wager of lawe to be allowed, or admitted for the defendauntes.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, that no persone or persones shal yelde, ne forsaicte any penaltie herin coteined, onles actio, or sute be comenced for thesame within one whole yere next after thoffence therof comitted, or dooen. And that if any cutter, or maker, as asforesaid, or other that shal forsaict any summe herin coteined, shal not be able to yelde soche forsaicture, or same, as is asforesaid, that the soche persone therof convicted by witnessses, or otherwile, to be set on a pillorie in the next market towne to the place where he shal so offende, by a Justice of the peace, or any other of the Kinges officers, at .xi. of the clocke vpon the market daie, with a billet, or sagot bounden to some parte of his bodie, And so to be discharged of thesaied forsaicture.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to every persone, and persones, to buye, sel, make, and cut billetes for thone-ly serving of the Coune of Calice, and the Marches of thesame, so that thei contene in length. xxx. inchs at the least, as hath been there most accustomed. xl. peres laste paste, without forfaiture of any penaltie herein contened, any thing herein contened to the contrarie, in any wise notwithstanding.

**The. viii. Chapitre:**

**An Acte for the true fulling, and thickening of Cappes.**



Whereas in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the. xxi. yere of of the reigne of King Edward the. iiii. great Graundfather to the King our So-uerene lord that now is, it was established, and enacted by thauthoritie of thesame parlamente, that no maner of persone, or persones, after the feast of Easter then next folowing, should full, or thicke, or cause to be fulled, or thicked any bonettes, or cappes double, or single, in any fulling mille, or by the meane of any fulling mil. vpon paine to forfaiture, and lose. xl. s. for every cappe so thicked contrarie to thesame acte. And also that no persone hatmaker, capper, or other whatsoener he were after the saied feast of Easter, shoulde sette, or cause to be sette any bonettes, or cappes double, or single, to bee fulled, or thicked, to any soche Mille, or by the meane of any soche mille, or set to sale any soche hattes, bonettes, or cappes double, or single, whiche after thesaied feaste shoulde be so made, fulled, or thicked, vpon paine to forfaiture, and lose the bonettes, and cappes so set, as afore is saied, to any soche mille, to be fulled, or thicked, or otherwaies put to sale contrarie to thesaied acte: and also to forfait and lose. xl. s. as often as any soche person shal set to fulling, or thickening, or to sale, any soche hattes, bonettes, or cappes so thicked, or put to sale contrarie to thesame acte: thone half of thesaied forfaitures and penalties, and euery of them to thesaied late King, and thother halfe to him, or them of the kinges subiectes, whiche should seaze the same, or sue for thesame in any of the kinges courtes of record, by information, or els in any other courte by action of debte, by writte at the commune lawe, or by bill, or plaint after the custome of the cite, or toun, where any soche forfaitures shall happen to fall, or bee. And the defendaunt in any soche action not to be admitted to wage his lawe: nor protection, nor essoine for any soche defendaunt shalbe allowed: whiche saied acte was made to endure from thesaied feast of Easter, vntil theende of. ii. peres then next folowing and no lenger as by thesame acte moze plainelie maie appeare. Whereas sens the time of the expiration of thesaied good, and laudable statute, certeine

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of the subiectes of this realme for their singular lucre, & auarice haue caused the most part of bonettes, & cappes made within this realme to be fulled, & thicked in fulling milles: By reason wherof, not onely thesaid cappes, and bonettes so thicked, & fulled in fulling milles, be for the moste part broken, & decrepitfullie wrought, for that thei cannot in any waies, by any soche meanes of fulling, & thicking in soche milles be well, and truelie wrought, to the great losse of the kinges most louing subiectes, but also a great nūbre of the kinges maiesties most louing subiectes, by whom soche cappes, and bonettes were in time past faithfullie, and truelie made, wrought, fulled, and thicked, by mennes strength, that is to saie, with handes, and feete, haue honestlie befoze this tyme gained their liuing, and kepte many apprentices, and seruauntes in worke of that only occupation, to the great commoditie of this realme, & the subiectes of thesame, whiche now be bitterlie decaied. And forasmuche as thesaid statute is good, and profitable for the common wealth of this realme, our souerein lord the king by thassent of the lordes spirituall, and tempozalle, and the communis of this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of thesame hath ordeined, prouided, & enacted, that thesaid acte made in thesaid. xxi. yere of thesaid late king, from the feast of Pentecost next ensuing, shalbe reuiued, stande, & remaine, in full force, strength & effecte in all, & euery clause, sentence, penaltie, & thing contened in thesame, according to the tenour, & effecte of thesame acte, this acte to endure for. v. yeres next folowing thesaid feast of Pentecost.

**The. ix. Chapitre.**

An acte for the making of white plaine straightes, and pinned white straightes in Deuon. and Cornewal.



Here in the parliament vpon prouocation holden at Westminster, the. xxi. daie of Januarie, in the fifth yere of the reigne of our Souerein lord the king that now is, and there continued vnto the. xv. daie of April, in the. vi. yere of the reigne of our said Souerein lord, & then dissolued, one acte, ordinaunce or lawe, was then, & there made, touching, and concerning the true making of woullein clothes, by the whiche said act amongst other braunches, and ordinaunces therein contened, it was enacted, that from, and after the feast of S. Michael tharchaungel nexte ensuing the making of thesaid Acte, no persone, or persones should put any heire, flockes, or any yarne made of Lambes woulle, into any clothe, carlie, frize, or cotton so made, and solde, or offered to be solde, vpon peine to forsaite euery soche cloth, carlie frize, & cotton wherein any soche Yarne, heire, or flockes shalbee put, or the value of soche cloth, carlie, frize, or cotton, as by thesaid statute it doeth, and maie appeare. And where in the counties of Deuon, and Cornewall

in diuerse partes therof, there be made certeine kindes of clothes of the nature of Tane stocke clothes, thone called white plaine streightes, & thother called pinned white streightes, whiche sorte of cloths be made w<sup>th</sup> the refuse, & course woulles, flockes, lābes woul, & herie woulles, whiche kinde of clothes, called whiteplaine streightes, and pinned white streightes, are transpozted, & caried into the partes of Britaine beyonde the sea, & there vttered by the merchautes therof by exchaunge, & bartrie for linen cloth called doulasse, lokerā, & can-nase, whiche thesame merchantes doe afterwardes bring into this realme to serue the kings maiesties subiectes therewith as wel dwel-ling in thesaied countie of Deuon, & Coznewal, as in diuers other partes of the realme. And forasmuche as in the foresaid act there is no remedie prouided for the true making of thesaid clothes, nor any mention made of thesame kindes of clothes in thesaid acte, and ther-fore doubted whether thei of thesame countie of Deuon, & Coznewal, maie make thesaid kindes of clothes, or not without daungier of the foresaid lawe, for that it is restrained, and prohibited by the saied Acte, that no persone, or persones should put any heire, flockes or any yarne made of lambes woulle, into any clothe, frize, or cotton so made, and solde, or offred to be solde vpon peine afoze specified. And for that thesaid kinde of clothes called white plaine streightes, and pinned white streightes, are made with Coznewal woulle, whiche is for the most parte therof al heirie woulles.

And to thentent that frohenforth thesaid clothes called white-plaine streightes, and pinned white streightes, maie be trulie made and to containe a certentie in length, breadth, and weighte: Be it therefore enacted by the king our Souueraine lord, the lordes spi-ritual, and tempozal, and the commons in this present Parlamente assembled, and by auctoritie of thesame, that fro, and after the first daie of Maie nexte coming, every piece of thesaied Clothes, called white plaine streightes, made after thesaied first daie of Maie, shal containe in length, being redie dresed to put to sale, xij. yardes at the least, and in breadth, one yarde at the least, in weight, xi. l. at the least vpon peine of forfeiture of thesame, or the value therof. And that e-very piece of thesaid clothe, called white pinned streightes, made af-ter thesaid first daie of Maie, being readie dresed to put to sale, shal containe in length, xi. yardes at the least, and in breadth, iiii. quartres of a yarde at the least, and in weight, viij. l. at the least, vpon peine of forfeiture of thesaid clothes, or the true value therof: thone moietie of al whiche forfeitures to be to the King our Souueraine Lord, and thother moietie to him, or them that wil sue for thesame by Action of debte, detinue, bille, plainte, or infozmacion, in any of the Kings Courtes, wherin no essoine, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe ad-mitted, or allowed for the defendaunt.

And further be it enacted, by thauthozitie aforesaid, that it shal and maie be lawfull, to and for any persone, or persons whatsoever, inhabiting, or dwelling within the said Countie of Devon, & Cozne wall, or either of thein, to make the foresaid sortes of clothes with heire, flockes, or yarne made of lambes woules, or other wise without any penaltie, or forsaiture therof, the foresaid acte made in the said last parliament, or any other lawe, or statute afoze this Parliament hadde, or made to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that thowoner, or owners of al, and every soche cloth, and clothes so wrought, & made shal bring, or cause to be brought the same cloth, or clothes to the next citie, borough, or tounne corporat, where the same shalbe fulled, dressed and made, there to be measured, weighed, and sealed with a seale of lead fixed to euery of the said pieces of cloth: in whiche seale, the armes, or name of euery soche citie, borough, or tounne corporat shalbe grauen, & that the Alder of euery citie, borough, or tounne corporat where the same cloth, or clothes shalbe brought, shal appoinet and stowe .ii. officers for the true weighing, measuring, & sealing therof: And that the same officers shal haue for their weighing measuring, and sealing of euery piece of the said clothes, one. ob. and no more.

Be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery clothier, or clothiers whiche shal put any of the clothes aforesaid to sale, or offre the same to be solde, befoze the same be weighed, measured, & sealed, as is aforesaid, shal forsaite for euery soche default, the cloth, or clothes, so by him, or the solde, or offred to be sold, thone moietie wherof to be to the king our soueraine lord, & thother moietie to him, or the that will sue for the same by action of debt, detinue, bil, plaint, or information in any of the kinges courtes, wherin no essoine, protection or wager of lawe, shalbe admitted, or allowed for the defendaunte.

#### ¶ The .x. Chapitre.

¶ An Acte for the building, and annering of the tounne of Gateside to the tounne of Newcastle vpon Tyne



Here the quiet ordre, regiment and gouernance of the Corporation, and bodie politique of the tounne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, hath been not a little disturbed, and hindered to a moche great, and manifest impouezishment, ruine and decate of the said corporation: By reasone as well that in the Tounne of Gateside parcell bothe of the possessions of the Bishopricke of Durham, and also of the liberties, and Countie Palantine of Durham aforesaid nexte adioining vnto the said Hauen tounne of Newcastle on the Southside of the said riuer of Tyne, doe enhabite, and been from time to time a great nu-  
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bze of Carpenters, Colliers, Fishers, Mariners, and other handicraftes menne, whiche by their handiwoorkes gaue, and haue their chiefe, and in maner whole liuing in thesaied toun of Newcastle, where thei datelie comit manifolde enozmities, & disordres, whiche escape unpunished, to a very euil example in the hinderaunce of Justice, by reason that soche offendours by repairing into thesaied toun of Gateside, being without the iurisdiction of thesaied Hauen toun of Newcastle, finde euasions, & meanes to escape the condigne correctio, & punishment of their said misbehauours: As also for that no smal nūbre of thinhabitauntes of Gateside without any respecte to the conseruacio of the Hauen of thesaied port toun of Newcastle being the chief maintenaunce, and uphold of thesame, dooe cast into thesaied hauen rubish, with all the refuse of their buildinges, besides thother clensing of their houses, & streates, without any correctio, or punishmente extended vnto them for thesame, by reason that thesaied toun of Gateside is parcel of thesaied Countie Palantine of Durham, and without the liberties of thesaied Hauen toun, as is aforesaid, without remedie wherof, thesaied Hauen should perishe, & thereby the toun should be in great leopordie of ruine, and decaille:

And fethermoze, forasmuche also as a parte of the bridge ouer the said riuer of Tyne pertaining to thesaied toun of Gateside, is so farre in ruine, and decaille for lacke of reparacion, that no Cartes, or carriages maie be suffred to passe ouer thesame: For remedie wherof and sundrie other enozmities here not recited: Be it by the Kinges Maiestie our Souueraine Lorde, with thassentes of the Lordes Spiritual, & Temporal, & the Commons in this present Parlamente assembled, and by thauthoritie of thesame, ordeined, established, and enacted, that the toun of Gateside aforesaid, & al thinhabitauntes of thesame toun that now be, or hereafter shalbe, & a parcel of ground called the salt medowes ioigning to the toun of Gateside aforesaid and harde vpon the riuer there, and the whole water, and bridge belonging, or appertaining to thesame toun of Gateside, shalbe from henceforth seuered, and diuided from the Bishoprike of Durham, & from the liberties, and Countie Palantine of thesame. And from henceforth shalbe vnited, and annexed to thesaied toun of Newcastle vpon Tyne, and to be taken, demed, and adiudged to bee within the countie, & Shire of thesame toun of Newcastle vpon Tyne, & be reputed, and taken as parte, parcel, and membze of thesame Toun of Newcastle. And thinhabitauntes of thesame toun of Gateside shal be vnder the rule, gouernement, and correction of the Maiour, and Burgeses, as other of thinhabitauntes of thesame Toun of Newcastle now been, or of right ought to bee, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, and that thesaied Maiour of Newcastle, and Burgeses of thesame Toun, and their successours from henceforth

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foorth euer shal haue thesame, & like liberties, franchises, priuileges iurisdiccions, punishmentes, obedience, and correccions in thesaied toune of Gateside aforesaid, & the medowe called the salt Medowe, and the waters, and brydge belonging to thesame toune of Gateside, and of thenhabiters, dwellers, and occupiers of thesame, as thesaied now Maieur, and Burgeses hath, or maie lawefullie doe in al thynges, and to al ententes in thesaied toune of Newcastle.

Provided alwaie, & be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, ne any thing therein conteined, shal not in any wise extende to take awaie any soche title of comune from the inhabitauntes of thesaied toune of Gateside, whiche thei haue, or of right ought to haue within the Bishopricke of Durham aforesaid, but that thei, & euery of them, their heires, and successours maie haue, vse, & occupie thesame, as thei might haue dooen befoze the making of this Acte, and as if this acte had neuer been had, ne made, any thing conteined in this Acte to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that the Maieur and Burgeses of Newcastle, and their successours for euer, shal haue towarde the reparacions of the southside of the brydge, their sufficient wood for the reparaciōs of thesame brydge, & also for the reparacions of the houses of Gateside aforesaid to bee taken, & had out of the wooddes of the parke of gateside, in like manner and fourme as thesaied toune of Gateside, and thinhabitauntes of thesame, hath afoze time had thesame, to thesame entent, & to bee deliuered vnto them by thassignement of the Lorde, or owner, or his sufficient Deputie, or deputies of thesaied manour, & parke of Gateside aforesaid, for the time being, as often as neede shal require thesaied brydge to be repaired by thesaied Maieur, and Burgeses, and their successours at the costes, and charges of thesaied Maieur, and Burgeses, and their successours for euer.

Provided also, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that the Bishop of Durham, & his successours for euer, for al soche thinges as he, or thei shal buie, bying, or carie into thesaied toune of Newcastle or gateside, or buie in them, or in any of the for the maintenaunce of their houtholde, or familie, shal go free without payng any tolle, pycage, stallage, wharfage, or other dueitie, or custome for thesame, in thesame toune of Newcastle, & Gateside: sauing to al, & euery person & persons, bodies politique, & corporate, their heires, & successours, & to the heires & successours of euery of the al soche right, title, interest, possessiō, leases, annuities, rentes, seruices, reuerstiōs, remainders, offices, fees, comunes, comodities, profites, entrees, cōdicions, peticiōs, sute, or actiō, whiche thei now haue, or hereafter ought to haue of, in, or to any manours, mesuages, lādes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, liyng, & bring within thesaied toune of Gateside, other the liberties fraun-

fraunchises, priuileges, iurisdiccions, vnitings, and annexions, punishments, obediences, corrections, interestes belonging to the said Bishopricke of Durham, or of the Countie Palantine aforesaid, heretofore claimed, and vsed within the said towne of Gateside, & in the salt medowe, brydge, & waters aforesaid, & the tymbrewood from time to time necessarie to be take, & had in Gateside parke for the reparacions aswel of the said brydge, as also of the houses in Gateside aforesaid, in fourme afoze rehearsed, whiche said towne of Gateside, the salt medowe, brydge, and waters aforesaid, together with the abouesaid tymbre for the reparacions of the said brydge, and houses to be take in Gateside parke aforesaid, are vnited, & annexed to the said towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, as afoze mencioned in soche like manner & fourme, as thei, or any of thein haue had, should, or might haue had, if this acte had neuer been had. ne made: Any thing in this present Acte contained to the contrarie therof in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ The. xi. Chapitre.

¶ An Acte for the continuance of certeine Statutes.



Here in the Parliament begonne, & holden at London the. iij. daie of Nouembze, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread Souuerain Lorde, of most famousse memoire, King Henrie the. viij. and from thens adiourned to Westminster, and there holden, & continued by diuerse prorogacions vnto the dissolution therof, one Acte was made, & established for the restraynt of carriage, & conueighing of horses, & mares out of this Realme: And also one other Acte was there made in the said Parliamente, for the true making of cables, halsters, and ropes. And also one other acte was there made for the true winding of Woolles: And one other Acte was there made to restraign killing of Waines, linges, Bullockes, Stieres, & Heifers being vnder the age of twoo yerres, whiche said seuerall Actes were then made to endure, & continue vnto the next Parliamente, as by the same three seuerall Actes moze plainlie appeareth. And where also in the same Parliamente one other Acte was made, & established for atteintes to be sued for the punishment of perurie vpon vntrue veredictes, whiche Actes last befoze rehearsed were then made, & ordeined to continue and endure to the last daie of the next Parliamente, as by the same seuerall actes moze plainlie at large is shewed, and maie appeare.

And where also in the Parliamente begonne, and holden at Westminster the. viij. daie of June in the. xxviij. yere of the reigne of our said most dread Souueraine Lorde King Henrie the. viij. and there continued, and kepte vntil the dissolution therof, it was ordeined, & enacted, that al, and singular the said Actes aboue remembred, and euery of thein should continue, & endure in their force, and strength, and



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and also be obserued, and kepte vntil the last daie of the nexte Par-  
lamente, as by thesame Acte emonges other thinges therein contei-  
ned, moze plainlie appeareth.

And where also in the Parleme[n]te begonne, & holden at Westmin-  
ster the. xxviii. daie of Aprill, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of our said  
most dread Souuerain lord King Henrie the. viii. & there continued  
vntil the. xxviii. daie of June then next folowing, it was ordeined, &  
enacted by aucthoritie of thesame Parliament, that al & singular the  
said seuerall actes aboue remembred, & euery of them, and al clauses,  
articles, & prouisions in them, & euery of them contened, should con-  
tinue, and endure in their force, and strength, & also to be obserued,  
and kepte vntil the last daie of the next Parleme[n]te, as by thesame  
acte emonges other thinges therein conteined moze plainlie appeareth.

And where also in the Parliament begonne at Westminster the. xvi  
daie of Januarie in the. xxxii. yere of the reigne of our said late Sou-  
ueraine Lord, & there continued vntill the first daie of Aprill in the  
xxxiii. yere of our saied late Souueraine Lord, there was one other  
acte made, and established, concerning buyng of fishe vpon the Sea,  
as by thesame Acte last recited moze plainlie dooeth appeare.

And where in the Parleme[n]te holden at Westminster, in the. xxxb  
yere of the reigne of our most dread souuerain lord King Henrie the  
viii. one acte was made for the preseruaciō of wooddes, to endure for  
vii. yeres then next folowing, & from thens vnto thende of the nexte  
parlament, as by thesame acte moze plainlie doeth, & maie appeare.

And where also at the Parleme[n]te holden at Westminster in the  
xxxvii yere of the reigne of our said most dread souuerain lord King  
Henrie the. viii. & there continued, & kepte vntil the dissolucion ther-  
of, it was ordeined, and enacted that al, and singular thesaid Actes  
aboue mencioned, & euery of them, except thesaid Acte made for the  
preseruacion of wooddes, as is aforesaid, should continue, & endure  
in their force, and strength, and also to be obserued, & kept vntill the  
last daie of the nexte Parleme[n]te, as by thesame Acte emonges o-  
ther thinges therein contened moze plainlie appeareth.

And where also in the Session of a parliament begone, & holden at  
Westminster, the. iiii. daie of Nouēbze, in the. iiii. yere of the reigne of  
our souuerain lord the king that now is, one statute made in p̄ par-  
lamēt holdē at Westminster, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of king He-  
rie the. viii. touching vnlawful hunting in any parke, forest, or chace.

And where also one other act was made in the Session of a parla-  
mēt holdē at Westminster in the. xxxii. yere of p̄ reigne of thesaid late  
king Henrie the. viii. touching wrongfull taking, killing, or sleaing of  
any diere within any parke, chace, or ground enclosed, or bled for diere  
whiche saied seuerall actes were by thesaid acte made in thesaid. iiii.  
daie of Nouēmbze, in thesaid. iiii. yere of our saied Souuerain lord  
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the king that now is, reuiued to continue for three yeres next folow-  
yng, after the first daie of Maie then next ensuyng, as by thesame se-  
uerall actes moze plainly dooeth and maie appeare.

And where also at the Session of the Parliament holden at West-  
minster, the. xiiii. daie of Marche, in the thirde yere of the reigne of our  
moſte dread ſouerein Lozde the king that now is, one acte was made  
for the true copyng of Leather, and at thesame Parliament, one other  
acte was made, for the true makynge of Malt: and also one other acte  
was then, and there made, touchyng the true makynge of Leather,  
whiche. iiii. ſeueral actes were made to endure to the ende of the nexte  
Parlament, as by thesame. iiii. ſeueral actes moze plainly appeareth.

And where also at a Session of a Parliament holden at Westminster  
the first daie of Februarie, in the ſowerth yere of the reigne of our  
ſaid ſouerein lozde the king that now is, one other acte was made for  
the puniſhement of vnlawful aſſemblies, and riſynges of the kinges  
ſubiectes: and also one other acte was there made, concernyng the re-  
peale of a bzauuche of theſaid acte of Parliament befoze inencioned  
touchyng, and concernyng the buyng of Tanned Leather: and also  
one other acte was then and there made againſt ſonde, and phanta-  
ſticall Prophecies. And also one other acte was then and there made,  
concernyng the buyng of Roather beaſtes: and also one other Acte  
was then and there made, touchyng buyng and ſellyng of buttre and  
cheſe, whiche ſaid ſeueral actes were then, and there made to endure  
and continue vnto the ende of the next Parliament, as by thesame ſe-  
uerall actes moze at large it maie, and dooeth appeare.

And where also at the Session of a Parlaunte by Prozagacion  
holden at Westminster, the. xxiii. daie of Januarie, in the. v. yere of our  
ſaid ſouerein Lozde the king that now is, one acte was then, and  
there made touchyng the prouiſion, and relief of the pooze, to endure  
to thende of the Session of the next Parlaunt. And where also at the  
ſame Session of Parliament laſt befoze mencioned, one other act was  
then, and there made againſt Regratours, and Forſtallers, whiche  
acte was made to endure to thende of the next Parliament: and ſo al-  
moche as all, and ſingular theſaid ſeueral actes aboue mencioned  
bee good, and beneficiall for the commune wealthe of this Realme:  
Be it therefore enacted, ordeined, and eſtabliſhed by the king our ſo-  
uerain lozde, with theaſſent of the lozdes Spirituall, and Tempozall,  
and the commons of this preſent parliament-aſſembled, and by the au-  
thozitie of theſame, that all, and ſingular theſaid ſeueral actes, and  
ſtatutes aboue inencioned, or rehearſed, and euery of theim, and also  
theſaid acte, concernyng the preſeruacion, & keepyng of wooddes, and  
all claues, articles, and prouiſions in theim, and euery of them con-  
teined, ſhalbe reuiued, continued, ſtand, and endure in their force, and  
ſtrength to all ententes, conſtruccion, & purpoſes, and ſhalbe obſerued

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and kept in all thinges, vntill the last date of the next Parliament.

Provided also, and be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that the attaindour, or conuiccion of any persone, or persones to be had, or made for any thoffences contained in thesaid Actes made in the .xxxi. and. .xxxi. yerres of our said late Souerein Lozde king Henrie the. vii. concernyng huntynge, or killynge of Beare, or Conies, or in either of theim, shall not extende to cause any persone, or persones to lose, or forsaite any inheritaunce, or Dower, nor to make any corruption of bloud: But that after the death of euery soche offendour, and offendours, the heire, and heires, wife, and wiues of them, and euery of the shall, and male inherite, and haue their Dowers, and be demed, ad- iudged, and inhabled to haue, and take thesame, in soche maner and fourme, as if no soche attaindour, or conuiccion had been had, or made. This Acte, or thesaid former Actes, or any thing therein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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An Acte of a Subsidie, and twoo siftenes, and tenthes, graunted to the kinges maiestie, by the tempoꝛaltie.



Whereas the kinges highnesse moste faithfull and obedient Subiectes, the Lozdes and Communes in this pꝛesent Parliament assembled, consideryng and certainly perceiuyng by diuerse meanes, the earnest good will and purpose, that our said Souerein Lozde hath to pꝛeserue, maintein, and continue vs his naturall subiectes, in this moste fortunate peace, wherunto after many stormes, and tempestes of the warrres, his Maiestie hath by the goodnesse of God restored vs, dooe also notwithstanding his maiesties greate care, and politike meanes vled for the recovery therof, easely perceiue how hard it shalbe for his highnesse, to continue and kepe vs therein, during the time of this troublesome state of Chꝛistendome, beyng, as it were, lamentably cut, and tozue into pieces, and factions of warre, except his highnesse be restored to a fether estate and furniture of treasure, mete for the defence of these his realmes, dominions, and subiectes: and like to other pꝛinces haupng soche large realmes, dominions and people. The lacke and want wherof (as we knowe) shall chiefly redounde to all our losses, and detrimentes, whiche must be defended and pꝛeserued, by the puissaunt powet and might of our Souerein Lozde, and head: and not by the multitude of our pꝛiuate riches, and strengthes at home. So also haue we seen of late yerres plainly before our pies, and felt in a greate parte of our sorowfull hartes, the very pꝛincipall, chief, and first causes of this lacke, during the time of the wilfull mis gouernaunce of this noble Realme, and other the Kinges



ges dominions, by the late Protectour Duke of Semerfet (to whom almightie God graunt his mercie) who first of his insatiate ambition contrarie to the aduises of all wise and good counsaillours, hauing gotten into his handes the sole gouernaunce of the moste sacred persone of our Souuerain lord, and consequentlie the Protectourship of all his highnesse Realmes, and dominions, immediatlie to laie a fitte foundation for his unhappie, & vnskillful gouernement, brought the kinges Maiestie (whom he tooke by pretence to gouerne, being left by his highnesse father of moste famous memorie in tendre yeres but yet in peace) sodenlie into open hostilitie, and warres against twoo puissaunt realmes at ones, considering neither the habilitie to begin nor meanes to continue them: wherein folowing alwaies his awne singularitie by stirring, and encreasing of newe querelles, and causes of warre, by vnadvised inuasions, by desperate enterprises, and voyages, by sumptuous endlesse vain fortifications bothe in fozein realmes, and in the seas, by bringing into the realme of costlie, and great numbze of straungers men of warre, & suche other innumerable vain deuises, he did not onely exhaust, and vtterlie waste the kinges Maiesties treasure, and reuenues of his Crowne, and of vs his highnesse Subiectes, but also endaungered his Maiesties credite beyonde the seas, with diuerse straunge Merchantes, by taking vp, and borrowing great summes of moneie, growing from time to time moze and moze indurable, whiche gate of miserie being so wide opened, we all knowe, and the best parte of vs felte, what a heape of calamities fell vpon all the Realme immediatlie, yea, and to this date, what prestes and memorie therof remaineth, not wholly yet filled vp.

First, the kinges Maiesties treasure of al sortes wasted, the great substance of the moneies molted, and altred in base Coigne, for the seruing of the charges of these warres: the lawes, and auncient policie of this noble realme dissolued, & vniointed, and by example hereof, the state of Irelande endaungered with factions, and rebellions, wherein no small summes of treasure were also wasted in armies, and fortifications, parte wherof remain vnto this present date of necessitie. In the midst of al these miseries, by suffraunce of the said late Protectour, rose vp a monstreouse, and daungerouse rebellion of the leude numbzes, and baser multitude against their heddes. The withstanding, and happie slaigh whereof, although it came thzough the mercifulnesse of God, by the labour and fortitude of others woorthie eternall praise, subduing the headlesse raging people in sundrie partes of the Realme, deliuering vs the kinges Maiesties natural subiectes, out of our vnnatural subiection to him that ruled vs with disorder, and smallie restoring the roiall persone of the kinges highnesse to the freedome of his princelie estate, and consequentlie, to an honourable peace with his enemies: yet could not hetherto the great breache

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and ruine of the kinges Maiesties estate, touching his treasure, be repaired, or reenforced, whiche consequentlie folowed vpon the first foundations broken, although in other pointes of the decaie (thanked be God) the kinges Maiesties owne merueillouse intelligence, with the industrie of good counsaillours, hath notable supplied, and amended the defaultes. And as these former errors broughte his Maiestie into vtter wastes of his awne treasure and riches, into the expenses of our Subsidies graunted for the same warres, though nothing answerable to the expenses of the same, finallie, into notable and vnumerable charges beyonde the Seas, for prouisions of monete taken vp in time of warres: So yet to the encrease of this former soare, wee remembre and perceiue also, that there were excedding greates charges lefte by the late king of famous memorie, by reason of his warres, to be discharged, aswel beyonde the Seas towardes straungers, as on this side towardes his awne Subiectes, whiche of their nature beyonde the Seas did for lacke of paymente growe excessiuelie, besides the late euident greates charge, and losse sustained by the kinges Maiestie, for the onely profite of his publique weale, in the reducing of part of his coigne, from a notable basenesse, to a fine standard by the whiche his Maiestie lacketh a greates priuate gaine in his mines, being now withoute the no reuenue at all, but rather chargeable, and the rest of whiche coigne we trust, he will shortly reduce to like finenesse. All whiche thinges, we his Maiesties moste faithfull, and naturall louing Subiectes weighing with our selues, and considering diuerse greates weightie matiers here vpon depending, for the preservation of this auncient noble Imperial Crowne: Albeit wee see manifestlie before our eyes, our Souueraine Lorde the kinges Maiestie disposed of his good nature, rather daelie to diminish the reuenue of his Crowne lastlie augmented by his father, of moste famous memorie, towardes the unburthening of his greates intollerable weightes, and charges lyng, and growing in straungers handes beyonde the Seas, then to call vpon vs his naturall Subiectes, and people, like as daelie we heare, and knowe, that all other moste Christian Princes dooe in causes of lesse importaunce, and like his Maiesties noble Progenitours haue alwaies dooen in suche causes heretofore: yet for the preservation of our selues, and our posteritie in this peace and wealth, whereunto we haue by the greates charges of our Souuerain Lorde been blessedlie brought: For the maintenaunce, and vpholding of the Crowne, and dignitie Imperiall of this noble Realme in honour, and might against all attemptes of fozein, and aunciente enemies, for the restauration of this decayed house of the commune wealth, hauing suffered violacion, and ruine by exile of Justice, in the former time of the foresaied euill gouernaunce, for the comforting and encouraging of our moste Christian King, in his blessed and famous



mouse purposes, and procedynges, to the establisshyng bothe of true Chyistian Religion in this his Churche of Englande, and Irelande, and of a Chyistian Policie, in the Ciuile state of thesame: And finally for some manifest demonstration of our naturall bounden dueties and loues towardes our souerein Lorde, and supzeme head the Kinges moste excellent Maestie, to be in some part like, and comparable to the good willes of other straunge people, and Subiectes to their headdes, and Kinges: Wee dooe offre moste humble with our right good, free, and franke willes, this our simple gift, besechyng his highnesse, to cast the pies of his minde, rather vpon our lowely, good, true hartes, and good willes, then vpon the simplenesse, and basenesse of the gifte: Offryng therewithall our naturall dueties, obeissaunce, and alleageaunce to the vttermost of our power in bodies, and substance for the maintenaunce of his Maesties estate, and Roiall Croune; vnder the defence wherof, the saultie of vs all, and our posteritie consisteth Wherefoze we thesaied Lordes, and Communes dooe by our mutuall assentes, and agrementes, with one whole voice, and hartie good will, by the aucthoritie of this present Parlaimente, geue, and graunt to the kinges highnesse, towardes his foresaied greate cosses, and inestimable charges, twoo whole fiftenes, and Tenthes to bee had, paied, taken, and leuied of the moueable gooddes, cattalles, and other thinges vsuall to soche fiftenes and Tenthes, to be contributozie, and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Bozoughes, Townes, and other places of this his Realme, in maner and fourme afoze etime vled. Except the summe of twelue thousande ponde therof fully to bee deducted (that is to saie) sixethousande ponde of either of thesaied whole fiftenes, and tenthes of the summe that a fiftene and Tenthe atteineth vnto, in relief, coumfozt, and discharge of the pooze Townes, Cities, and Bozoughes of this his saied realme wasted, desolate, and destroyed, oz ouer greatly impouerished, after soche rate, as was, and hath afoze this time been had, and made vnto euery Shire, and to bee diuided in soche maner and fourme, as heretofoze for one whole fiftene and Tenthe was had, and diuided, and thesaied twoo whole fiftenes and Tenthes, the exceptions and deduccions aforesaid therupon had, deducted, and allowed, to be paied in maner and fourme folowpyng (that is to saie) the first whole fiftene and Tenthe (except befoze excepted) to bee paied to his highnesse in the receipte of his Exchequier, at, oz befoze the .xxix. daie of June nexte comyng, and the seronde whole fiftene and Tenthe (excepte befoze excepted) to bee paied to his highnesse at the receipt of his saied Exchequier, at, oz befoze the feast of sanct Andzewe the Apostle, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord God a thousande fife hundred fiftie and fise.

And bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the knightes elected, and retourned, of, and for the Shires within this Realme for

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this present Parliamente, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes, and townes whete collectours haue been vbled to be named, and appoincted for the Collection of any Fiftene, and Tente befoze this time graunted, shall name and appoincte perely, befoze the sixth daie of Aprill, in either of thesaied twoo yerres, sufficiente, and habile persones for the Collection of thesaied Fiftene, and Tente, in euery of thesaied Shires, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes: thesaied persones then haupng Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, in his or their awne right of the perely value of tenne poundes, or in gooddes one hundred markes at the least. And also soche persone, or persones so by them to be named, and appoincted for the collection of thesaied Fiftene and Tente, shalbe by them severally appoincted, and allotted into Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes. And thesaied persones so named, and appoincted for the collection of thesaied Fiftene, and Tente, shalbe charged, and chargeable vpon his, or their accompte, or accouptres in the Exchequer, to bee made, with all soche summe, or summes of money, as the Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and townes, whete he, or thei shall so happen to bee appoincted, amounte vnto, and of no moze summe or summes. And vpon the paiement of soche sommes of money, as he or thei shalbe charged with, shalbe discharged, and haue his *Quietus est*, the non accomptyng, or non paiement of any other his felowes, or the insufficiencie of them, or any of them, notwithstanding. And thesaied Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses for the Shires, Cities, and Boroughes, whetunto thei be elected, named, and returned, shall accorpyng to the tenour of this acte certifie euery yere, durpyng thesaied twoo yerres, befoze the King in his Chauncerie, perely, within one monethe nexte after soche their nomination, election, and appoinctement of thesaied Collectours, the names, and surnames of euery of thesaied Collectours for thesaied Fiftene, and Tente togethers with the place allotted to their Collection, and charge, durpyng either of thesaied twoo yerres, befoze the sixth daie of Maie in euery of thesaied twoo yerres: and if defaulte of any soche certifying be had, or made in fourme, as is abovesaid, then the lord Chauncellour of England for the time beyng, shall immediatly after name, and appoinct Collectours for the Collection of thesaied twoo Fiftenes, and Tenthes, in maner and fourme, as thesaied Knights of the Shire, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes shoulde haue dooen, and as afoze time haue been vbled: the whiche saied Collectours, and euery of them, shall haue like allowaunce vpon their accouptes for theis fees, wages, and rewardes for the Collection of thesaied Fiftenes, and Tenthes, in as large maner, and fourme, as any Collectour or Collectours of Fiftene, and Tente haue had at any season in time past: and that the Barones of the Kinges Exchequer for the time beyng,

png, shall, and make, from time to time, awarde soche processe for the speedie paiement therof, against the Collectour, and Collectours of thesame, as by their discretions shalbe thought conuenient.

Provided alwaie, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that thesaied Lorde Chauncellour, Knightes of the Shire, Citizens, and Burgeses haupng auctoritie by this Acte, to name and nominate thesaied Collectours, of, and for thesaied twoo whole fiftenes and Tenthes, and of euery of theim, shall vpon their nomination, and election had, and made, take by auctoritie of this present Parlamente sufficient recognisaunces, or by obligacion of euery persone so by them to be named, to be bounde to the king in the double summe of the summe of their Collection, and to bee endorsed vpon soche condicion, that if thesaied Collectour, or Collectours doo truely content and paie to the vse of the king, in his receipt of his Exchequier, befoze thesaied seuerall daies of paiement of thesaied fiftenes, and Tenthes, so moche of the summe of money allotted, and appointed to his collectiō, as he thesame collectour hath collected, and gathered, and dooe likewise befoze thesaied seuerall daies of paiement contente, and paie to the kinges vse at thesame receipte, the residue of his Collection and charge, within one monethe next after soche time as he shall haue gathered and collected thesame residue: that then thesaied Recognisaunce, or obligacion to be boide: or els to stande in his full strengthe, and vertue. Whiche recognisaunces, or obligacion so taken, thesaied Knightes of the Shires, Citizens, and Burgeses, and euery of theim, takyng any soche recognisaunce, or obligacion, shall certifie, and deliuer to the lord Treasourer, and barones of thesame Exchequier perely, durpng thesaied twoo yeres, befoze thesaied seuerall daies of paiemente befoze limited, and appointed, vpon pain of forfaiture of tenne poundes to the king, for euery recognisaunce, or obligacion so to be taken and not certified.

And that euery soche Collectour vpon request to him made, shall make and knowlege thesame recognisaunce, or obligacion accordyngly vpon like pain and forfaiture of tenne poundes to the king for his refusall therof. And that the Treasourer, or Barones of the Exchequier vpon the paiement of thesame collection, or at thesaied daie shall cancell, and deliuer thesaied recognisaunce, or obligacion to thesaied collectour, or collectours, without any fee, or reward to be paid to any persone for thesame.

And wee thesaied Lordes Spittuall and Tempozall, and Communes of this present Parlamente assembled, right well perceiuyng thesaied twoo whole fiftenes, and Tenthes now graunted to his highnesse, as is aforesaid, to extende to a small summe of money, and nothing sufficient to accomplishe the charges of the kinges mozte princely affaires for the defence of vs the kinges mozte louyng sub-



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lectes: We thesaid Lozdes and Communes, for the considerations aforesaid, moſte entirely with good harte and minde, dooe geue and graunt to the Kinges highneſſe, towardeſ his ſoreſaid greate coſtes and ineſtimable charges one entire Subſidie, to cōtinue by the ſpace of twoo yeres, to be rated, taxed, leuied, and paid of euery perſone Spirituall, and Tempozall of what eſtate, or degree he, or thei be, (accozdyng to the tenour of this Acte) in maner and fourme folow- yng (that is to ſaie) yerely, dur yng theſame twoo yeres, aſwell of eue- ry perſone bozne within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Kinges Dominions: As of all, and euery Fraternitie, Gilde, Copozacion, Miſterie, Brotherhod, and Communalitie Copozated or not Copozated within Englande, Wales, or other the Kinges, dominions, beyng woorth. v. poundes, and vnder. x. poundes for eue- ry pounce, aſwell in Coigne, and the value of euery pounce, that e- uery ſoche perſone, Fraternitie, Gilde, Copozacion, Miſterie, Bro- therhod, and Communalitie Copozate, or not Copozate, hath of his, or their awne, or any other to his, or their uſe: as alſo Plate, Stocke of Marchaundises, all maner of Coznes, and Blades, Houſholde Stuffe, and of al other gooddes moueable, aſwell within this realme as without, and of all ſoche ſummes of money, as to him, and theim is, or ſhalbe ow yng, wherof he, or thei truſt in his, or their conſciēces truly to be paid. (Except & out of the pzemiſſes deducted ſoche ſum- mes of money, as he, or thei owe, and in his, or their conſcience truly entendeth to paie: and except alſo the apparell of ſoche perſones, their wiues, and children belong yng to their awne bodies (ſau yng Jewe- les, Golde, Siluer, Stone, and Petle,) viii. d. of, and for euery poude yerely dur yng theſaid twoo yeres. And alſo of euery perſone bozne vnder the Kinges obeſaunce, and all, and euery Copozacion, Fra- ternitie, Gilde, Miſterie, Brotherhod, and Communalitie Copo- rate, or not Copozate, beyng woorth. x. poundes in Gooddes, as is afoze ſpecified, and vnder the value of twentie poundes, ſhall paie yerely dur yng theſaid twoo yeres, for euery pounce twelue pence of the pounce. And likewise euery perſone bozne vnder the Kinges obeſ- aunce, and euery Copozacion, Fraternitie, Gilde, Miſterie, Bro- therhode, and Communalitie Copozate, or not Copozate be yng woorth in Gooddes, as is abouelaid. xx. poundes, and ſo ypwardes in Gooddes, as is beſoreſaid, ſhall paie yerely, dur yng theſaid twoo yeres, ſixtene pence, of, and for euery pounce. And alſo of euery Alien and Straungier bozne out of the Kinges obeſaunce, aſwell Denizen as other inhabit yng within this Realme, for euery pounce, that he, or thei haue in Coigne, and the value of euery pounce, in Plate, Cozne, Grain, Marchaundise, Houſholde Stuffe, or other Gooddes Jewelles, Chatielles Moueable, or vnmoueable, as is afozeſaid, aſ- well within this Realme, as without, and of all ſummes of money to him,



him, or them owing, wherof he, or thei trust in his, or their conscience, or consciences to be paid( excepte, and of the same premisses deducted euery suche summe, or summes of moneie, whiche he, or thei doe owe, and in his, or their conscience, or consciences entende truelie to paie) of, and for euery pounce to five pounce, eight pence yerelie of euery pounce in either of thesaied twoo yerres. And likewise, of, and for five pounce, and for euery pounce, from five poundes to tenne poundes, yerelie of euery pounce, during thesaied twoo yerres, twelue pence. And of, and for tenne poundes to twentie poundes, yerelie of euery pounce, during thesaied twoo yerres, eightene pence: And of, and for twentie poundes in gooddes, as is befoze rehearsed, and so bpwardes, of euery pounce, yerelie during thesaied twoo yerres, twoo shillinges. And also that euery alien and straunger bozne out of the Kinges dominions, being Denizen, or not Denizen, not being contributoze to any of the rates afozesaid, shall paie yerelie, during thesaied twoo yerres, for euery polle sawer pence, and the Master, or he, or she, with whom the same alien is, or shalbee abiding at the time of the yerelie taracion therof, to bee charged with the same, for lacke of paiement therof.

And be it ferther enacted by the aucthoritie afozesaid, that euery persone bozne vnder the Kinges obeisaunce, and euery Corporacion, Fraternitie, Gilde, Miltarie, Brotherhode, and Communalitie corporate or not corporate, yerelie, during thesaied twoo yerres, shall paie for euery pounce, that euery the same persone, and euery corporacion, Fraternitie, Gilde, Miltarie, Brotherhod, and communalitie corporate, or not corporate, or any other to his, or their vse, hath in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of life, terme of yerres by execucion, wardshippe or by Copie of Courterolle, of, and in any Honours, Castelles, Manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, hereditametes, annuities fees, corrodies, or other yerelie profites of the yerelie value of twentie shillinges, aswell within auncient demeane, and other places priuileged, as elsewhere, and so bpwarde, twoo shillinges, of, and for euery pounce, during either of thesaied twoo yerres. And euery alien bozne out of the Kinges obeisaunce, in suche case, to paie yerelie, during thesaied twoo yerres, three shillinges of euery pounce. And that all summes presented, and chargeable by this Acte, either for gooddes, and debtes, or for landes, and tenementes, and the other premisses, as is in this acte conteined, and being no ful pounce, shalbe yerelie, during thesaied twoo yerres, rated, sette, and taxed after the rate, and porcion therof, according to the true meaning of this Acte (Landes, and tenementes chargeable to the Disme of the Clergie, and yerelie wages due to seruantes for their yerelie seruice, other then the Kinges seruantes taking yerelie wages of five poundes, or aboue, onely excepted and forzeppited.) And that all plate, coigne, Jewelles, gooddes,

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des, debtes, and cattalles personalles, being in the rule and custodie of any persone, or persones, to the vse of any corpozacion, fraternitie, guilde, misterie, by otherhode, or any communalitie being corporate, or not corporate, be, and shalbe rated, set, and charged, by reason of this Acte, as the value certified by the presenters of that certificat to bee sworn, of every pounce in gooddes, and debtes, as is abovesaid: And of every pounce in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other perelie profits, as is abovesaid: and the summes that are before rehearsed, set, and taxed to be leuied, and taken of them that shal haue suche gooddes in custodie, or otherwise charged for landes, as is before rehearsed: and thesame persone, or persones, and bodie corporate, by thauthoritie of this acte, shalbe discharged against him, or them, that shal, or ought to haue thesame at the time of the paiement, or deliuerie therof, or at his otherwise departure from the custodie, or possession of thesame. Except, and alwaies forepysed fro the charge, and assesment of this Subsidie, all gooddes, cattalles, iewelles, and ornaments of churches, and Chapelles, whiche haue been ordeined, and vsed in Churches, or Chapelles, for the honour and seruice of almighty God. And thesaid Subsidie shalbe by the auctoritie abovesaid, taxed, assessed, and rated according to this acte, in euery Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, borough, Towne, and euery other place within this Realme of Englande, and Wales, and other the kinges dominions, before the last daie of Octobze perelie, during thesame twoo yerres: And the particular summes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, town, and other places aforesaid, with the particular names of suche, as are chargeable of, and to thesaid Subsidie, to be taxed and sette by Commissioners to thesame limited, or twoo of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours: And in the same fourme shalbe certified perelie, during thesaid twoo yerres, in the kinges Exchequier, before the .xxviii. daie of Nouembze, with the names of the high Collectours of thesame: And thesaid summes, in maner and fourme aforesaid, taxed, shalbe perelie paid into the kinges receipte of his Exchequier aforesaid, to the vse of our said Souuerain Lozde, in euery of thesaid twoo yerres, before the .xiii. daie of Februarie, during thesaid twoo yerres, and the summes abovesaid of, and for thesaid Subsidie, shalbe taxed, sette, asked, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied, and paid vnto the vse of our said Souuerain Lozde, his heires, and successours, in fourme abovesaid, as wel within the liberties, fraunchises, sanctuaries, auncient demeane and other whatsoeuer place exempte, or not exempte, as without. Excepte suche Shires, places, and persones, as shalbe forepysed, in, and by this present acte, any graunt, charter, prescription, vse, or libertie by reason of any Letters Patentes, or other Priuilege, prescription, allowance of thesame, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge here-  
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tofoze to the contrarie made, graunted, vled, oꝛ obteyned, notwithstanding.

And it is ferther enacted by thauthozitie of this pꝛesent parlamēt, that euery soche persone, aswell soche as be bozne vnder the kinges oꝛ heisaunce: as euery other persone straunger bozne, denizen, oꝛ not denizen, inhabitynge within this Realme, oꝛ within Wales, oꝛ other the kinges Dominions, whiche at the time of thesaied assessynge oꝛ taxaciō perely to be had, oꝛ made, shalbe out of this realme, and out of Wales and haue gooddes, oꝛ cattalles, landes, oꝛ tenementes, fees, oꝛ annuities, oꝛ other profitis within this Realme, oꝛ in Wales, shalbe charged, and chargeable foꝛ thesame, by the certificate of thynhabitauntes of the parties, where soche gooddes, cattalles, landes, tenementes, oꝛ other the pꝛemisses then shalbee, oꝛ in soche other place where soche persone, oꝛ his factour, deputie, oꝛ attourney shall haue his moſte resort vnto, within this Realme, oꝛ in Wales, in like maner, as if thesame persone were, oꝛ had been at the time of thesame assessynge within this Realme. And that euery persone abidyng, oꝛ dwellyng within this realme, oꝛ without this realme, shalbe charged, oꝛ chargeable to thesame Subsidie graunted by this acte, accoꝛdyng and after the rate of soche perely substaunce, oꝛ value of landes, and tenementes, gooddes, cattalles, and other the pꝛemisses, as euery persone so to be charged, shalbe sette at, in the time of thesaied assessynge, oꝛ taxacion vpon him to be made, and in none otherwise.

And ferthermoze bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that foꝛ the assessynge, and oꝛdyng of thesaied Subsidie to bee duely had, the Loꝛde Chauncellour of Englande, the Loꝛde Treasorer of Englande, the Loꝛde Pꝛesidente of the kinges moſte honourable counsaill, and the loꝛde Priuie Seale foꝛ the time beyng, oꝛ twoo of theim at the least, wherof the loꝛde Chauncellour of Englande foꝛ the time beeyng to bee one of theim, shall, and maie name, and appointe, of, and foꝛ euery Shire, and Ridynge, and other places, aswell within this Realme, as in Wales, and other the kinges Dominions, and also of, and foꝛ euery citie, and toun beynge a Countie in it self, and of, and foꝛ the Isle of Wight, soche certain numbꝛe of persones of euery of thesame Shires, Ridynge, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, cities, townes, and Isle of Wight, and euery other place, and other the inhabitauntes of thesame, to bee Commissioners within thesame, wherof thei bee enhabitauntes. And also of, and foꝛ the honourable householdes of the king our souerein Loꝛde, the Ladie Marie, and the Ladie Elizabethes graces the kinges Maiesties sisters, and the Ladie Anne of Cleues, in what Shires, oꝛ other places thesaied householdes shall happen then to bee: And the loꝛde Chauncellour, and other with him befoze named in like maner maie name, and appointe of euery other soche boꝛough, and toun corporate, aswell in Englande,

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as in Wales, and other the Kinges Dominions, as thei Mall thinke requisite, sixe, siue, sower, three, or twoo of the head officers, and other sad, and honest inhabitauntes of euery of thesaid Cities, Boroughes and Tounes Corporate, accordyng to the numbze, and multitude of people beyng in thesame. The whiche persones, if any soche be therevnto named of thesaid inhabitauntes of thesaid Boroughes, and Tounes Corporate, not beyng Counties in themselues, Malbe assigned and putte in, as Commissioners, with the persones named for soche Shires, and Ridynges, as thesaid Boroughes, and Tounes Corporate not beyng Counties in themselues be set, and haue their beyng, whiche persones so named, for, and of thesaid Boroughes, and Tounes corporate, not beyng Counties, by reason of their dwelling in thesame, Mall not take vpon them, ne none of them, to put any part of their commission in execution for the premises, out of thesaid Borrough, or Toun corporate, wherein thei beyng so named onely for the same be dwelling. And also not to execute thesaid commission, with in the borrough, or toun corporate, where thei be so dwelling, at soche daies, and times, as thesaid other commissioners for thesame Shire, and Ridyng, Mall therunto limite, and appoint within thesame Borrough, or Toun corporate, not beyng countie corporate, wherof thei so be, and not out of soche Borrough, or Toun: and in that maner to be aidyng and assisyng, with thesaid other commissioners, in, and for the good executyng of the effect of thesaid commission, vpon pain of euery of thesaid commissioners so named, for euery soche Citie, Borrough, and Toun corporate, not beyng Countie, to make soche fine as thesaid other commissioners in the commission, of, and for thesaid Shire, or Ridyng so named, or thze of them at the least, Mall by their discretions set, and certifie into the kinges Exchequer, there to be leuied to the ble of our soverein Lorde the king, in like maner, as soche or like summes had been set, and rated vpon euery soche persone, for thesaid Subsidie. The whiche Commissioners so named, of, and for thesaid Cities, Boroughes, and Tounes not beyng Counties, and onely put in thesaid Commission, by reason of their dwelling in the same, Mall not haue any part of the porcion of the fees, and rewardes for the commissioners, and their clerkes, in this acte afterwarde specified: and the lord Chauncellour of Englands, or keeper of the kinges greates Seale, for the time beyng, Mall make, and directe out of the courte of Chauncerie, vnder the kinges greates seale, severall commissions (that is to saie) to euery Shire, Ridyng, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Toun, Borrough, Isle, and Houholde vnto soche persone and persones, as by his discretion, and other with him afore named, and appointed, in like maner and forme, as is afore rehearsed Malbe thought sufficient for the sellyng, and luyng of thesaid Subsidie, in all shires and places, accordyng to the true meanyng of this acte:

Acte: whiche Commission shalbe directed, and deliuered to thesaied Commissioners, or to one of them befoze the first daie of Septembze, yerelie, during thesaied twoo yeres. And to euery of thesaied Commissiones tenne Cedulaes containing in them the tenour of this acte, shalbe affiled, by the whiche Commission the Commissioners in euery suche commission named according to this Acte, and as many of them as shalbe appointed by thesame commission, shall haue full power, and aucthozitie to putte the effecte of thesame Commission in execution.

And that by aucthozitie of this Acte after suche Commission to them directed, yerelie during thesaied twoo yeres, thei maie by their assentes, and agrementes, seuer theim selues for the execution of their Commission in hundzedes, lathes, wardes, rapes, wapentakes, Tounes, parishes, and other places within the limites of their saied Commission, in suche fourme, as to them shall seeme expedient to be ordzed, and betwene them to be communed, and agreed according to the tenour, and effecte of the Commission to them therein directed vpon whiche seuerance, euery persone of this present Parlamente, that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned in the Hundzed wherein he dwelleth.

Provided alwaies that no persone be, or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to, and for the execution of this present Acte, but onely in the Shire where he dwelleth, and inhabiteth. and that any persone being assigned to the contrarie thereof, in any wise, shall not be compelled to put in execution the effecte of this acte, or any parte thereof.

And it is also enacted by the aucthozitie of this present Parlamente, that the Commissioners, and euery of them, whiche shalbe named, limited, and appointed according to this Acte, to be Commissioners in euery suche Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and thesaied householdes, or any other place, and none other, shal truelie, effectually, and diligetlie for their parte, execute the effecte of this presente Acte, according to the tenour therof in euery behalfe, and none otherwise by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thing to bee attempted, and doen by them, or any of them to the contrarie hereof. And thesaied commissioners, and as many of them, as shalbe appointed by thesaied commission, and none other, for the execution of thesaied commission, and acte, shall yerelie, during thesaied twoo yeres, befoze the. xlii. daie of Septembze by vertue of the commissions deliuered vnto them, in fourme abouesaid, directe their seuerall, or ioincte precepte vnto eight, seuen, sixe, foue, fower, or three, or mo, as for the numbze of thynhabitautes shalbe requisite, of the moste substaunciall, discrete, and honest persones inhabitautes to be

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named by thesaied commissioners, or by as many of the as shalbe appointed by thesaied commission, of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, rapes, Wapentakes, wardes, Parishes, Townes, and other places, as well within liberties, fraunchesies, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaries, as without, within the limites of the Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes, or Ile aforesaied, and other places within the limites of their commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailiees, and other like officers, or ministers of euery of thesaied Hundredes, Townes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, parishes, and other places beforesaied, as to thesaied Commissioners, and euery numbze of the vnto thre of them by their discrecion in diuision, shal seme expediet, as by the maner, and vse of that parties shalbe requisite, straightlie by thesame precepte charging, and commaunding thesame inhabitautes, Constables, and other officers aforesaied, to whom suche precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in their propre persones befoze thesaied Commissioners, or suche numbze of them, as thei shall diuide themselves, according to the tenour of thesaied Commission, at certaine daies, and places by thesaied commissioners, or any numbze of them, as is abouesaied, within Cities, Boroughes, or townes corporate, or without in any other place, as is aforesaied, by their discrecions shalbe limited therunto, to dooe, and accomplishe all that to them on the partie of our Souuerain lord the king shalbe enioigned touching this Acte. commaunding ferther by thesame precepte, that he, to whose handes suche precept shal come, shal shewe, or deliuer thesame to the other inhabitautes, or officers named in thesame precepte. And that none of them faile to accomplishe thesame, vpon peine of .xl.s. to be forsaicted to the King.

And it is ferther ordeined by the auctoritie of this Parliament, that thesaied daie, and place prefixed and limited in thesaied preceptes, euery of the Commissioners then being in the Shire, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence, shal at thesaied daie and place prefixed for that parte, whereunto he was limited, appeare in his propre persone. And there thesame Commissioners being present, or as many as shalbe appointed by the Kinges Commission, shal call, or cause to bee called befoze them thesaied inhabitautes, and officers, to whom thei haue directed their saied preceptes, and whiche had in commaundement there to appeare by thesaied precept of thesaied Commissioners: and if any persone so warned make default, onlesse he then be letted by sicknesse, or laweful excuse, and that lette then to be witnessed by the othes of twoo credible persones, or if any appearing refuse to be swozne, in fourme folowing, to forsaict to the king .xl.s. And so at euery time, during thesaied twoo yeres, prefixed for thesame cause, vnto suche time the numbze of euery suche persones



persones haue appeared, and certified, in fourme vnderwriten: And euery of them so making defaulte, or refusing to be swozne, to forsaite to the king. xl. s. and vpon thesame appaunce had, one of the moste substaunciall inhabitauntes, or officer so being warned, and appearing befoze thesaid Commissioners shalbe swozne yerelie, during thesaid twoo yeres, vpon a booke openlie befoze the Commissioners, in fourme folowing.

**I**shal truelie enquire with my fellowes that shalbe charged with me, of the Hundrede, Wapentake, Warde, Toun, or other place of the best, and moste value of the substaunce of euery persone dwelling, and abiding within the limites of the places, that I and my fellowes shalbe charged with, and of other whiche shall haue his, or their moste resozte vnto any of thesaid places, and chargeable with any summe of moneie, by this Acte of this said Subsidie, and of all other Articles that I shalbe charged with, touching thesaid acte, and accoording to the entent of thesame: And thereupon, as nere as it maie, or shall come to my knowelege, truelie to presente, and certifie befoze you, the names, Surnames, and the best and bettermoste substaunce, and values of euery of them, aswell of Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, Possessions, and proficites, as of Gooddes, Cattalles, debtes, and other thinges chargeable by thesaid Acte, without any concelement, fauoure, loue, affection, dreade, feare, or malice, so helpe me God, and the holie contentes of this Booke.

And euery other persone that shall appeare there yerelie by thesaid preceptes, shall make like othe: and vpon the othe so take, as is aforesaid, by th inhabitantes, and Officers of euery Hundrede, Warde, Wapentake, Toun, or other place, thesaid Commissioners shall yerelie openlie there read, or cause to bee read vnto them thesaid rates, and openlie declare the effecte of their charge vnto them in what maner and fourme thei ought, and shoulde make their certificates, accoording to the rates, and summes thereof abovesaid, and of all maner of persones, aswell of aliens and straungers, Denizens, or not Denizens inhabited within this Realme, as of suche persones as bee bozne within the Kinges obeisaunce chargeable to this Acte, and of the possessions, gooddes, and Cattalles of Fraternities, Guildes, corporations, Brotherhodes, Miltaries, and communaltries, and other, as is abovesaid, and of persones being in the parties of beyonde the Seas, hauing gooddes or cattalles, landes, or Tenementes within this Realme, as is beforesaid: And of all gooddes being in the custodie to the vse of any other, as is abovesaid, by the whiche informacio and shewing, thesaid persones shall haue suche plaine knowelege of the true entent of this present Acte, and of the maner of their certificat, that thesame persones shoulde

haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after  
suche othes, and the Statute of thesaied Subsidie, and the maner  
of thesaied certificat to be made in writing containing the names,  
and Surnames of euery persone, and whether he be bozne without  
the Kinges obeisance, or within, and the best value of euery per-  
sone in euery degree, as well of yerelie value of landes, and tenemen-  
tes, and of suche like possessions, and profeictes, as the value of good-  
des, and Cattalles, debtes, and euery thing to their saied certificat  
requisite and necessarie to them declared, thesaied commissioners there  
being shall by their discrecions appointe, and limite vnto thesaied  
persones another daie, and place to appeare afoze thesaied commis-  
sioners: And charging thesaied persones, that thei in the meane time  
shall make diligent inquirie, by al waies and meanes, of the premis-  
ses. And then and there euery of them, by paine of forfaiture of  
xl. s. to the King, to appeare at thesaied newe prefixed daie, and place  
there to certifie vnto thesaied Commissioners in writing, accordyng  
to their saied charge, and accordyng to the true intente of thesaied  
graunt of Subsidie, and as to them, in maner afozesaid, hath been  
declared and shewed by the Commissioners: At whiche daie, and  
place so to them prefixed, if any of thesaied persones make defaulte,  
or appeare and refuse to make thesaied certificat: that then euery of  
them so offending, to forfaiture to the King, xl. s. except onely a reason-  
able excuse for his default by reason of sicknesse, or otherwise, by  
the othes of twoo credible persones there witnessed, be hadde. And  
of suche as appeare readie to make certificat, as is afozesaid, the  
saied Commissioners there being shall take, and receiue thesame cer-  
tificat, and euery parte thereof: And the names, values, and sub-  
stance of euery persone so certified. And if thesame Commissioners  
see cause reasonable, thei shall examine thesaied Presenters therof  
and therupon thesaied Commissioners, at thesaied daies and place,  
by their agremente among them selues, shall yerelie during thesaied  
twoo yeres, openlie there prefixe a daie at a certaine place, or pla-  
ces within the limites of their Commission, by their discretion, for  
their further proceeding to thesaied Assessing of thesame Subsidie.  
And thereupon, at thesaied daie of thesaied Certificat, as is befoze-  
said, taken, thesame Commissioners shall make their precepte, or  
preceptes to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailieues, or other  
Officers of suche Hundredes, Wapentakes, Townes, or other  
places afozesaid, as thesame Commissioners shall bee of, compzi-  
sing and containing in thesame Precepte the names, and Surna-  
mes of all persones presented befoze them in thesaied certificat, of  
whom, if thesaied Commissioners, or as many of them, as shall be  
thereunto appointed by the Kinges Commission, shall then haue  
behemente suspecte to bee of moze greater value, or Substantie  
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in landes, gooddes, Cattalles, or summes of moneie owing to them or other substance before saied, then vpon suche persone, or persones shalbe certified: Thesame Commissioners shal make their precepte or preceptes directed to the Constable, Bailieffes, or other officers, commaunding thesame Constables, Bailieffes, or other officers, to whom suche precepte shalbe directed, to warne suche persones, whose names shalbe comprised in thesaied precepte, at their mansions, or to their persones, that thesame persones named in suche preceptes, and euery of them, shall personallie appeare before thesaied Commissioners at thesame newe prefixed date, and place, there to be swozne, and examined by al waies and meanes by thesaied Commissioners, of their greatest substance and best value, and of al and euery summes of moneie owing to them, and other whatsoeuer matter concerning the premises, or any of them, according to this acte. At whiche date and place so prefixed, thesaied Commissioners then there being, or as many of them, as shalbe therunto appointed by the Kinges Commission, shall cause to be called thesaied persones, whose names shalbe comprised in thesaied precepte, as is beforesaied, for their examinaciō. And if any of those persones whiche should be warned, as is beforesaied, to be examined, whiche at any time after the warning, and before the prefixed date, shalbe within suche place, where he maie haue knowelege of his saied appaunce to be made, make defaulte, and appeare not, onelesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse, by the othes of two credible persones, before thesaied Commissioners be truelie alleged for his discharge: That then euery of them so making defaulte, to be taxed and charged to the King, with and at the double summes of the rate, that he shoulde, or ought to haue been sette at, for, and after the best value of his Landes, or substance vpon him certified, if he hadde appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there being. And in like maner, if any of them suspected, as is beforesaied, appeare, and refuse to bee swozne, in fourme folowing: Then euery suche offender to bee taxed and charged to the King, with, and at the double summe of the rate, that he shoulde, or ought to haue been sette at, for, and after the best value of his substance vpon him certified by thesame persone that made the certificat, as is beforesaied, by the discretions of thesaied Commissioners there then being. And euery of the persones so then and there appearing, whose names shalbe expessed in thesaied precepte, or preceptes, and in whom any vehement suspecte was, or shalbe hadde, in fourme abouesaid, shall traualle with thesame persone so suspecte, by all suche waies and meanes thei can. And fether thesaied Commissioners, or as many of them, as shalbe hereunto appointed by thesaied commission, by their discretions shal openlie sweare thesame persone in this maner



and fourme folowing.

**I** shall faithfullie, truelie, and plainelie, according to my knowelege, shewe vnto you the Kinges Commissioners, and to other by you assigned, the best and greatest value, or aboute, of al mine yerelie pfectes in landes, tenementes, rentes, or suche other like possessions, yerelie profite, and fee, and the best and greatest value of all my gooddes, and cattalles, and summes of moneie to me owing, according to the graunt of this acte and Subsidie, and truelie aunswere to that I shalbe examined of, touching the premises, without couine or deceipt: so helpe me God, and the holie contentes of this Booke.

And if any persone that shoulde appeare bee excused, in fourme aforesaid, by witnesse of credible persones, thesame persones shalbe examined by their othes; of his, or their greatest and best value and substance so lacking, and excused, and by the best of their certificat, or knowelege, or of thother firste certificat vpon him, or them made, thesame persone so lacking and excused of his appaunce, to bee sette and rated by thesaid Commissioners, or otherwise to be sette and rated in this case, as shall seme best by the discrecions of thesaid Commissioners. And if it happen to bee proued by witnesse, his owne confession, or other lawefull waies, or meanes, within one yere after any suche Othe made, that thesame persone so taxed, and swozne, was of any greater, or better value in landes, gooddes, or other thinges aboue specified, at the tyme of his said Othe, then thesame persone so swozne did declare vpon his Othe: That then suche persone so offending shall loose, and forsaie to the King, fower times so muche in lawefull moneie of Englande, as thesame persone so swozne was sette, and taxed at to paie for thesaid Subsidie.

And that euery Spirituall persone, during thesaid twoo yeres shalbe rated and sette, according to the rate abouesaid, of, and for euery pounce that thesame Spirituall persone, or any other to his ble hath by discent, Bargaine, or Purchase in fee simple, fee taile, terme of life, terme of yeres, by execution, by warde, or by Cople of courte rolle in any Manours, landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Seruices, Offices, fees, Corrodies, Annuities, or Hereditamentes, after the true, iust, and yerelie value therof, after and according as other the Kinges subiectes bozne within this Realme be charged, in fourme aboue remembred: So that it extende to the yerelie value, of. xx. s. or aboute.

And if any persone certified, or rated, by vertue of this acte, be he Commissioner or other, to any maner of value, dooeth finde him selfe greued with thesame presentment, selling, or taxing, and there vpon complaine to the commissioners, befoze whom he shalbe rated, sessed, or taxed, or befoze twoo of them: That then thesaid commi-  
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soners, shall by al waies and meanes examine particularlie and distinctly the persone so complainant, and other his neighbours, by their discretion, of euery his landes, and Tenementes aboute specified, and of euery his gooddes, cattalles, and debtes aboute mentioned, and after due examination, and perfecte knowelege therof had, and perceiued by thesaied Commissioners whiche shall haue power by auctoritie aforesaid, thesaied Commissioners or twoo of them to whom any suche complainte shall be made, by their discrecions, vpon the othe of thesaied persone so complaining, maie abate, defalke, encrease, or enlarge thesame assesment, according as it shall appeare to them iust vpon thesame examination: and thesame summe so abated, defalked, encreased, or enlarged to be streated in fourme as hereafter ensueth, so that he cometh befoze the estreates of thesame assessing be deliuered by thesaied Commissioners into the Kinges Eschequier. And if it be proued by witnesse, his owne confession, or other laweful waies or meanes, within a yere after any suche othe made, that thesame persone so taxed & swozne was of any better or greater value in landes, gooddes, or other thinges aboute specified, at the time of his saied Othe, then thesame persone so swozne did declare vpon his saied Othe: that then euery suche persone so offending, shall loose and forsaite to the king foure times so muche in laweful monie of Englande, as thesame persone so swozne was set at, or taxed to paie. And al persones set, rated, and taxed, as is aforesaid, shall be bounde and charged by thesame and the summe or summes vpon him sette, to bee due towarde the paiement of thesaied Subsidie, and to be leuied as hereafter shall be specified.

And it is also enacted by thesaied auctoritie, that euery persone perelle during thesaied twoo yeres (as is aforesaid) shall be rated, taxed, and sette, & the summe on him sette, to be leuied at suche place where he and his familie, at the time of thesame presentement to be made, shall kepe his house, or dwelling, or where he then shall bee moste conuersant, abiding, or resiant: or shall haue his moste resort, and shall be best knowen at the time of thesaied certificat to be made and no where els. And that no commissioner for this Subsidie shall be rated or taxed, for his gooddes or landes, but in the Shire or other place where he shall be Commissioner. And that if any persone chargeable to this Acte, the time of thesaied assessing, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or ferre fro the place where he shall be known, then he to be sette where he was last abiding in this realme, or within Wales, and best knowen, and after the substance value, and other profitees of euery persone knowe by the examination, certificat, and other maner of wise, as is aforesaid. Thesaied Commissioners, or as many of them, as shall be appoynted by the Kinges Commission, shall after the rate aforesaid sette, and take



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every persone according to the rate of the substance and value of his landes, gooddes, and other profitees, whereby the greatest and moſte beſt ſumme according to his moſte ſubſtance by reaſon of this Acte might, or maie be ſette, or taxed.

Provided alwaies, that every ſuche perſone whiche ſhalbe ſette or taxed for paiement of, and to this Subſidie, ſor, and after the perelie value of his landes, tenementes, or other real poſſeſſions, or profitees in any of theſaid twoo yeres, ſhal not be ſette, and taxed for his gooddes, and cattalles, or other moueable ſubſtance in theſame yere. And he that ſhalbe charged, or taxed for theſame Subſidie, ſor his gooddes, cattalles and other moueables in any of theſaid twoo yeres, ſhall not be charged, taxed, or chargeable for his landes, or other real poſſeſſions, and profitees abouesaid in theſame yere: nor that any perſone be double charged for theſaid Subſidie, neither ſette, or taxed at ſeuerall places by reaſon of this acte, any thing contained in this preſent acte notwithstanding.

And that it bee ordeined by theſaid authoritie of this preſent Parliamente, that no perſone hauing twoo manſions, or twoo places to reſorte vnto, or calling himſelfe houſholde ſeruaunt, or waiting ſeruaunt to the kinges highneſſe, or other Lorde, or Ladie, maſter or Maſtreſſe bee excuſed vpon his ſaying from the tare of theſaid Subſidie in neither of the places where he maie be ſette, onleſſe he bring a certificat in wryting from the Commiſſioners, where that he is ſo ſette in deede at one place. And if any other then Commiſſioner happen to bee ſette in twoo places, vpon certificat therof made, the beſt, and moſte ſumme vpon him ſo taxed, to be taken and abide, and thother to be diſcharged: ſo that theſame certificat of his aſſeſſinges, and paiement to be made therof in wryting vnder the ſeales of the Commiſſioners, or of as many of them, as ſhalbe appointed by the Kinges Commiſſion: whiche certificat ſo made, ſhalbe at al times a ſufficient diſcharge for him and the collectour of theſame, alwell againſt any Collectour that ſhall demaunde theſame vpon him rated or taxed, as againſt the King and all other perſones.

And if any perſone that ought to bee ſette, by reaſon of his removing or reſorting to twoo places, or by reaſon of his ſaying, that he elſewhere was taxed, or by reaſon of any Priuilege, by his dwelling or abiding in any place not being ſorpriſed in this Acte, or any otherwiſe by his couine, or crafte, happen to eſcape from the perelie aſſeſſing, and be not ſette, and that proued by preſentmente, examination, or information befoze theſaid Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhalbe by theſame Commiſſion appointed, or by the Barones of the Kinges Chequer, or twoo Juſtices of the Peace of the Countie where ſuche perſone dwelleth: then every ſuche perſone that by ſuche meanes, or otherwiſe willinglie by couine, ſhall hap-  
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pen to escape from the assessing of thesaied Subsidie, or of any of them, and not be Rated, Tared, and Sette, Chalbe charged vpon the knowelege and proufe thereof, with, and at the double value that he shoulde, or ought to haue been Sette at afoze, according to his behauiour: Thesame double value to be leuied, gathered, and paid of his gooddes, and Cattalles, Landes, and Tenementes, towards thesaied Subsidie: And ferther to be punished, according to the discrecions of the Barons, Iustices, or Commissioners, before whom he Chalbe conuicted for his offence and deceipte in that behalfe.

And ferther be it enacted by the aucthoritie afozesaid, that thesaied commissioners of euery commission, Chalbe accordinge to their diuisions, and after thei be diuided, haue full power and aucthoritie by this acte, to set, tare, and sesse euery other Commissioner ioigned with them, in euery suche commission, and diuision, and Chalbe also assesse euery assessor within their diuision, for his, and their gooddes, landes, and other premises, as is abouesaid: by the whiche saied commission, thesaied commissioners shall indifferentlie, set, tare, and sesse the selues, and thesaied assessours. And that aswel the summes vpon euery of thesaied commissioners, and assessours so sessed, rated, and tared, as the summes made, and presented by the Presentours swozne, as is abouesaid, Chalbe witten, certified, set, & extreated, and the extreates therof to be made with other the inhabitants of that parties within the limites of thesame commission, and diuision, and so to be gathered, and leuied in like maner, as it ought, or shoulde haue been, if thesaied Commissioner had not been in thesaied commission, And that all persones of thestate of a Baron, or baronesse, and euery estate aboue, Chalbe charged with their free holde, and values, as is afozesaid, before the Chauncellour, Treasourer of Englande, lord President of the Kinges priue counsaill, and lord Priue Seale for the time being, or other persones by the kinges aucthoritie to be limited, and thei to be charged percellie, during thesaied twoo yeres, after the fourme of thesaied graunt, according to the taxacion afozesaid, and the summes vpon the set with the names of the collectours appointed for the gathering, and payng of thesame, to be extreated, deliuered, and certified, at daies & places aboue specified, by the lord Chauncellour, Treasourer, lord President of the counsaill, and lord Priue Seale, for the time being, or suche other persones as Chalbe limited by the kinges highnesse, and after the taxes, and assesses of the saied summes, vpon, and by thesaied assessing, and certificat, as is afozesaid, made, thesaied commissioners, or as many of them as Chalbe thereunto appointed by the kinges commission, before the first daie of Decembre, during thesaied. ii. yeres, by the witing extreated of the saied tax therof vnder the seale, & signes manuel of thesaied commissioners

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tioners, or of as many of them, as shalbe appointed, at the least, to be made, shalbe deliuered vnto sufficient and substaunciall inhabitants, Constables, Subconstables, Barliefes, and other Officers iointlie of Hundzedes, Tounes, Parishes, and other places aforesaid within their limites, or to other sufficient persones inhabitauntes of thesame, onely by the discrecion of thesame Commissioners, and as the place and parties shall require, aswell the particular names and Surnames, as the remembraunce of all summes of moneie taxed and sette, of, and vpon every persone, aswell man as woman chargeable to this Acte, houtholder, and all other inhabitauntes, and dwellers within thesaied parithe, Tounes, and places contributozie to this Acte of Subsidie, by aucthoritie of whiche writting, or estreate so deliuered, thesaied Officers, or other persones so named and deputed seuerallie, shal haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, immediatlie after the deliuerie of thesaied writting, or estreate, to demaunde, leuie, and gather of every persone therein specified, the summe, or sumes in thesaied writting, or estreate comprised: and for none paiement therof, to distreigne thesame persone, or persones so being behinde, by their gooddes, and Cattalles, and the distrelles so taken to kepe by the space of .viij. daies, at the costes and charges of the owner thereof: and if thesaied owner dooe not paie suche summe of moneie, as shalbe taxed by this acte, within thesame .viij. daies, then thesaied distresse to be appraised by .iiii. iii. or ii. of the inhabitauntes, where suche distresse is taken, and also to be solde by thesaied Constable, and other Collectour for the paiement of thesaied moneie, and the ouerplus coming of the sale and keeping thereof, if any be, to be immediatlie restozed to the owner of thesame distresse: whiche saied Officers, and other persones so deputed to aske, take, gather, and leuie thesaied summes, shall aunsweere and be charged for their poztion onely to them assigned, or limited to be gathered, leuied, and comprised in thesaied writting, or estreate to them, as is beforesaid, deliuered vnto the vse of our Souueraine Lozde the King, his heires, and Successours, and thesaied summe in that writting, or estreate comprised to paie vnto the high Collectour or Collectours of that place for the collection of thesame, in maner and fourme vnderwriten, thereunto to be named and deputed: And thesame inhabitauntes, and officers so gathering thesame particular summes, for their collection thereof shall reteine for every .xx. s. so by them receiued, and paid, two pence, and that to bee allowed at the paiement of their collection by them to be made to the highe Collectour, or Collectours.

And ferther be it enacted by thesaied aucthoritie of this presente Parliamente, that thesaied Commissioners, or the moze parte of the same shal take vpon them the execution, and businesse of thesaied commission



mission, shall perelie, during thesaied twoo yeres, name suche sufficient, an habile persones, whiche then shall haue, and possede lande, and other hereditamentes in their owne right, of the yerelie value, of. x. l. or gooddes to the value of one. C. markes at the least: And the same persones seuerallie, by the discrecions of thesame Commissioners, in Shires, Ridinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, aswell within places privileged, as without, not being forpyssed within this acte, to be highe Collectours, and haue the collection and receipte of thesaied summes sette, and leuiable within the pzeincte, limites, and boundes, where thei shall be so limited to gather, and receiue: To euery of the whiche collectours so seuerallie named, thesaied commissioners, or twoo of them at the least, perelie during thesaied twoo yeres befoze the. xii. daie of Decembre, or within one Moneth next after thesaied whole summe of thesaied Subsidie be sette, by all the limites of thesame their commission, or in suche limites, as the highe collectours shall be so seuerallie assigned, shall vnder their seales, and signes Manuel, deliuer one estreate indented in parchemēt, to euery of thesame high Collectours, comprizing in it the names of all suche persones, as were assigned to leuie thesaied particular summes, and the summes of euery hundzed, Wapentake, Towne, or other place asforesaied, with the names and surnames of the persones so chargeable, accozding to the estreate so first therof made, as is asforesaied, and deliuered, and the Collectour so to be assigned, shall be charged to aunswere the whole summe comprized in thesaied estreate limited to his collection, as is asforesaied.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie asforesaied, that thesaied commissioners, hauing aucthoritie by this acte, to name and nominate thesaied highe Collectours of thesaied Subsidie, perelie, during thesaied. ii. yeres, shall immediatlie vpon their nomination, and election, take by aucthoritie of this present Parleme[n]te, sufficient recognisaunces, or obligacions without any fee, or rewarde to be paid therfore, of euery persone so by them to be named to be high Collectour, to be bounden to the King, in double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be endozsed and made vpon suche condition, that if thesaied Collectour, his heires, or executors dooe truelie content & paie to the vse of the king, his heires, or executors in his receipte of his Eschequier, befoze thesaied. xiiii. daie of Februarie then next ensuing, somuche of thesaied summe of monere allotted, and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect & gather: and content and paie the residue of his collectiō, & charge within one moneth next after suche time, as he hath gathered, & collected thesame residue: that then thesaied recognisaunce, or obligaciō to be voide, or elles to stande in his full strength, and vertue: whiche recognisaunce,



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or obligation so taken, thesaied commissioners shall certifie, and deliuer into the Kinges Elchequier, with the certificat of thesaied taxation, and rate of thesaied Subsidie, at, and by the time to them prescribed, and appointed by this acte, vpon peine of forfaiture of .x. l. to the King, for euery recognisaunce, or obligation not certified: and that euery suche Collectour so elected, named, and chosen vpon request to him made, shall knowelege, and make thesaied recognisaunce, or obligation, vpon like peine, and forfaiture of .x. l. to the King, for the refusal therof, and euery suche Collectour so yerelie deputed, hauing thesaied estreate in parchment, as is aforesaied, shall haue authoritie by this Acte, yerelie during thesaied. ii. yeres, to appointe daies, and places, within the circuite of his collection, for the paiement of thesaied Subsidie to him to bee made, and thereof to geue warning by Proclamation, or otherwise, to all thesaied Constables and other persones, or inhabitauntes hauing the charge of the particular Collection within the Hundzedes, parishes, townes, or other places by him, or them limited, to make paiement for their saied particular collection of euery summe, as to them shall apperteyne: And if at thesaied daie and place so limited, and prefixed by thesaied Collectour, thesaied Constables, Officers, or other persones, or inhabitauntes, as is beforesaied, for thesaied particular collection appointed, and assigned within suche hundzed, Citie, Towne, or other place dooe not paie vnto thesaied Collectour the summe within their seuerall hundzedes, Townes, parishes, and other places due, and comprised in thesaied estreats therof, to the deliuered by thesaied commissioners, or some of them, as is beforesaied, or so muche therof, as they haue by any meane receiued. ii. s. of euery pounce for thesaied particular collection, as is beforesaied, alwaies to bee thereof allowed, excepted, and abated: that then it shall be lawefull to thesaied highe Collectours, and euery of them, and to their assignes, to distreigne euery of thesaied Constables, officers, and other inhabitauntes for their saied seuerall, and particular collection of thesaied summes comprised in thesaied estreate, and writing therof, to them, and euery of them, as is befoze expessed, deliuered, or for asmuche of the same summe, as so then shall happen to be gathered, and leuied, and behinde, and vnpaid, by the gooddes and cattalles of euery of them so being behinde, and the distresse so taken to be kept, appraised, and solde, as is aforesaied, and therof to take, and leuie the summes so then being behinde, and vnpaid, & the ouerplus coming of the sale of thesaied distresse, if any be, to be restozed, and deliuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboue remembred.

Provided alwaies, that no persone inhabited in any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shall be compelled to be an Assessor, or Collectour, of, or for any parte of thesaied Subsidie, in any place, or places

places out of thesaied Citie, Bozoughe, o2 Toune co2pozate where he dwelleth.

And it is also by thesaied aucthozitie enacted, that if any inhabitaunte, o2 Officer, o2 whatsoeuer persone, o2 persones charged to, and for the collection, o2 receipte of any parte, o2 po2cion of thesaied Subsidie, in any of thesaied twoo yeres, by any maner of meanes, accordmg to this Acte, o2 any persone, o2 persones for themselves, o2 as keper, Gardian, Deputie, factour, o2 attourneie of, and for any other persone, o2 persones, of any Gooddes, and Cattalles of the owner therof, at the time of thesaied assessing to be made, being out of this Realme, o2 in any other parties not knowe, o2 of, and for the gooddes, and cattalles of any other persone, o2 persones of any co2pozacion, fraternitie, miserie, o2 other whatsoeuer communalitie being inco2pozate, o2 not inco2pozate, and all persones hauing in their rule, gouernaunce, and custodie any gooddes, o2 cattalles at the time of thesaied assessing, o2 any of them to be made, o2 whiche for any cause, for, and by collection, o2 for himself, o2 for any other, o2 by reason that he hath the rule, gouernaunce, o2 custodie of any gooddes, o2 Cattalles of any other persone, o2 persones, co2pozacion, communalities, fraternitie, guilde, o2 miserie, o2 any suche other like, o2 as factour, Deputie, o2 attourneie of, o2 for any persone, shalbe taxed, rated, valued, and sette to any summe, o2 summes, by reason of this Acte, and after the taracion, o2 assessing vpon any suche persone, o2 persones, as shalbe charged with the receipte of thesame, happen to die, and departe from the place where he was so taxed, and sette, o2 his gooddes, and cattalles be so eloined, o2 in suche priuie, and couert maner kept, as thesaied persone, o2 persones charged with thesame by extreates, o2 other wryting from thesaied Commissioners, o2 as many of the as shalbe therunto appoincted by the saied commission, as is afo2esaied, can, ne maie leuie thesame summe, o2 summes comprised within their saied extreates by distresse within the limites of their collection, as is befoze saied, o2 cannot sell suche distresse, or distresses as be taken for any of thesaied yerelle paiementes, befoze the time limited to the highe Collectour, for his paiement to be made in the Kinges receipte: then vpon relacion therof made, with due examination by the othe, o2 examination of suche persone, o2 persones, as shalbe charged with, and for the receipte and collectio of thesame befoze thesaied Commissioners, o2 as many of them, as by thesaied commission shalbe therunto appoincted, where suche persone, o2 persones, o2 other, as is afo2esaied, their gooddes, & cattalles were set, and taxed, & vpon plain certificat therof made, into the Kinges Exchequer by thesame Commissioners, aswell of the dwelling place, names, and summes of thesaied persones, of whom thesaied summes can not be leuied, and had, as is befo2esaied: then aswell the Constables

bles, and other inhabitautes appoynted for thesaied particular collection against the high Collectours, as the high Collectour vpon his accounte, & othe in thesaied Eschequier to be discharged thereof, and processe to be made for the King out of thesaied Eschequier, by the discretions of the Barones of thesaied Eschequier, against suche persone, his heires, or executours so being behinde with his paiement: and ouer that, thesame Commissioners to whom any suche declaracion of the premissses shalbe made, in fourme aforesaied, from time to time, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, during thesaied twoo yeres, to directe their precepte, or preceptes vnto thesaied persone, or persones charged with any summe of, for, or vpon any suche persone, or persones, or other, as is abouesaied, or to any Shrieue, Stewarde, Baillefe, or other whatsoever Officer, Minister, persone, or persones of suche place, or places where any suche persone, or persones so owing suche summe, or summes, shal haue landes and Tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or real possessions, gooddes, and Cattalles, whereby any suche persone, or persones so indebted, his heires, executours, or assignes, or other hauing the custodie, gouernance, or disposicion of any gooddes, cattalles, Landes, Tenementes, or other hereditamentes, whiche ought, or maie by this acte lawefullie be distreigned, or taken for thesame, hath, and shall haue gooddes, cattalles, landes, tenementes, and other possessions, wherof suche summe, or summes whiche by any suche persone, or persones maie, or ought to be leuied, be it within the limites of suche commission, where suche persone or persones was, and were taxed, or without in any place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Kinges dominions, Marches, or territories, by whiche precepts aswell suche persone, or persones, as shalbe charged to leuie suche moneie, as the Officers of the place, or places, where suche distresse maie be taken, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to distreigne euery suche persone indebted, charged, or chargeable by this Acte, or his executours, or administratours of his gooddes, & cattalles, his Gardianes, Factours, deputies, lessees, fermours, and assignes, and all other persones by whose handes, or out of whose lades any suche persone shoulde haue Rente, Fee, Annuitie, or any other profeite, or whiche at the time of thesaied assessinges shall haue gooddes, or cattalles, or any other thing moueable, of any suche persone, or persones being indebted, or owing suche summe: And the distresses so taken cause to be kepte, appraised, and solde, in like maner and fourme, as is aforesaied, for the distresse to be taken vpon persones to be taxed to thesaied Subsidie, and being sufficient to distreigne, within the limites of the Collectours, inhabitautes, or other officers charged with, or for thesame summes so vpon them to be taxed. And if any suche distresse for none paiemente happen to be taken out of the limits



mite of thesaied persones charged, and assigned to leuie thesame, the persones so charged for the leuie of euerie soche summe by distresse, shal perceiue, and take of thesame distresse, for the labour of euerie persone going for the execution therof, for euery mile that any soche persone so laboureth for thesame, twoo pence. And euery fermour, Tenaunt, Gardian, factour, or other whatsoeuer persone being distreigned, or otherwise charged for paiemente of any soche summe, or Summes, or any other Summe by reason of this Acte, shalbe of soche Summe, or Summes, of him, or theim so leuied, and taken, discharged, and acquitted at his nexte daie of paiemente of thesame, or at the deliuerie of soche gooddes, and Cattalles, as he that is so distreigned had in his custodie, and gouernaunce, against him, or theim, that shalbe so taxed, and sette, any graunte, or writing obligatorie, or other whatsoeuer matier to the contrarie made heretofore, notwithstanding.

And if any soche persone, that should be so distreigned, haue no landes, or tenementes sufficient, whereby he, or his tenautes, and fermours maie be distreigned, or hath elained, aliened, or hidde his gooddes, and cattalles whereby he should, or might be distreigned, in soche maner that soche gooddes, and cattalles shal not be knowne, or founde, so that the Summe of, or by him to be paied in thesaied fourme, shal, ne can be conuenientlie leuied, then vpon relacion thereof vnto the Commissioners, or to as many of theim, as by thesaied commission shalbe therunto appointed, where soche persone, or persones was taxed, and sette by the othes of him, or theim that shalbe charged with the leuie, and paiemente of that summe, or summes, thesame Commissioners shall make a precepte in soche maner, as is aforesaid, for to attache, take, and arreste the bodie of soche persone, or persones that ought to paie thesaied Summes, and by this Acte shalbe charged with, and for thesame summe, or summes, and them so taken safelie to kepe in prison within the Shire, or other place, where any soche persone, or persones shalbe taken, & attached, there to remaine without baile, or mainprise, vntil he haue paied thesame summe, or summes, that soche persone for himselfe, or for any other by this Acte shalbe chargeable, or ought to be charged withall, and also for the fees of euery soche arreste to him, or them that shall execute soche precepte. xx. s. And that euery Officer, vnto whom soche precepte shalbe directed, dooe his true diligence, and execute thesame vpon euery persone so being indebted, vpon paine to forfait to our saied Souueraine Lorde the King, for euery default in that behaulf xx. s. And that no keeper of any Gaole, fro his Gaole suffre any soche persone to goe at large, by letting to baile, or otherwise to departe out of his prison, before he haue paid his saied debte, and thesaied xx. s. for thesaied arreste, vpon paine to forfait to our Souueraine

Lozde. xl. s. and the same Gaoler to paie vnto our saied Souueraine  
 Lozde the double value, as well of the rate whiche thesaied persone  
 so imprisoned was taxed at, as of thesaied. xx. s. for the fees: and like  
 processe, and remedie, in like fourme, shalbe graunted by thesaied co-  
 missioners, or as many of thein, as by thesaied commission shalbe  
 therunto appointed, at like informacion of every persone, or per-  
 sones being charged with any summe of moneie for any other per-  
 sone, or persones, by reason of thesaied Subsidie every of thesaied  
 twoo yeres, and not therof paid, but willfullie withdrawen, ne the  
 same leisable within the limites where soche persone was therunto  
 taxed. And if the summe, or summes being behinde vnpaid by any  
 persone, or persones, as is aforesaid, be leued, and gathered by force  
 of thesaied processe to be made by thesaied Commissioners, or if in  
 defaulte, or for lacke of paiement therof, the persone, or persones so  
 owing thesaied summe, or summes of moneie by processe of thesame  
 Commissioners to be made, as is aforesaid, be committed to prison  
 in fourme aboue saied: That then thesame Commissioners whiche  
 shall awarde soche processe, shall make certifficat therof in thesaied  
 Exchequer of that shalbe dooen in the premises, in the terme nexte  
 folowing after soche summe, or summes of moneie so being behinde  
 shalbe leued, and gathered, or soche persone, or persones, for none  
 paiement of thesame, committed to prison. And if it happen any of  
 thesaied Collectours to bee assigned, or any Maiour, Sheriefe,  
 Stuarde, Constables, the head Borroughes, Housholder, Bailiefe,  
 or any other Officer, or minister, or other whatsoeuer persone, or  
 persones to disobey thesaied Commissioners, or any of them, in the  
 reasonable requeste to thein made by thesaied Commissioners, for  
 perelie execution of thesaied Commission, during thesaied twoo ye-  
 res: or if any of thofficers, or other persones dooe refuse that to them  
 shal apperteyne, or belong to dooe, by reason of any precepte to him,  
 or them to be directed, or any reasonable comaundemente, instance,  
 or requeste, touching the premises, or other defaulte in any appa-  
 raunce, or collection to make: or if any persone being suspecte, or not  
 to be indifferentlie taxed, as is aforesaid, dooe refuse to be examined.  
 according to the tenour of this Acte, before thesaied Commissioners  
 or as many of them, as shalbe thereunto assigned, as is aforesaid, or  
 wil not appeare before thesame Commissioners vpon warning to him  
 made, or elles make resistance, or rescous, vpon any distresse vpon him  
 to be taken for any parcel of thesaied Subsidie, or commit any mis-  
 behauour in any maner of wise contrarie to this Acte, or committe any  
 wilful omission, or other whatsoeuer wilful, not dooing, or misdoo-  
 ing, contrarie to the tenour of this Acte, or graunt: thesame Comis-  
 sioners, & every numbze of them aboue remembred, or ii. of them at  
 the least, vpon probable knowlege of any soche misdemeanours had  
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by informacion, or examinaciō, shal, and make sette vpon euery soche offendour, for euery soche offence, in name of a fine, by the same offendour to be forsaithed. xl. shillings, or vnder, by the discretion of the same Commissioners. And further the said Commissioners, and euery numbze of them, to two of them at the least, shal haue auctorite by this presente Acte, to punish euery soche offendour by imprisonment, there to remaine, and to be deliuered by their discretion as shal seeme to them conuenient, the said fines (if any soche bee) to be certified by the said Commissioners, that so assessed the same, into the said Kinges Exchequer there to be leuied, and paid by the Collectours of that parties, for the said Subsidie, returned into the said Exchequer to be therewith charged, with the paiement of the said Subsidie, in soche maner, as if the said fines had been set, and taxed vpon the said offendours for the said Subsidie.

It is also enacted by the said auctoritie of this presente Parliamente, that euery of the said high Collectours, whiche shal accompt for any parte of the said Subsidie in the Kinges Exchequer, vpon their seuerall said accomptes to be yelden, shalbe allowed percell, during the said twoo yeres, for euery pounce limited to his collection, wherof any soche Collectour shalbe charged, & yelde accompt vi. d. as parcell of their said charge, that is to saie, of euery pounce therof, for soche persone as then haue had the particular collection in the Townes and other places, as is aforesaid, specified in his collection twoo pence, and other twoo pence of euery pounce therof, euery of the said chief Collectours there accomptaunt to receiue to their owne vse, for their labour, and charge, in, and aboute the premisses, & two pence of euery pounce residue to be deliuered, allowed, and paid by the said Collectours so being therof allowed, to soche of the Commissioners as shal take vpon them the businesse, and labour, for, and about the premisses, that is to saie, euery Collectour to paie that Commissioner, or Commissioners, whiche had the ordning of the writtinges, of, and for the said Subsidie, where the said Collectour, or Collectours had their collection, for expenses of the said Commissioners so taking vpon them the said businesse, and labour of their Clerkes writting the said preceptes, and estreates for the said collections, the same last twoo pence of euery pounce to be diuided amongst the said Commissioners, hauing regarde to their labour, and businesse taken by them, or their said Clerkes, in, and about the premisses: for whiche parte so to the said Commissioners attaining, the said Commissioners, sixe, fiue, fower, three, or as many of them, as shalbe therunto appointed by the Kinges Commission, and euery of them, iointlie, and seuerallie for his, and these said parte, make haue his remedie against the said Collectour, or Collectours, whiche therof been, and might haue been allowed by



Action of debte, in whiche the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, neither protection, intunction, or other essoins shalbe allowed.

And that no persone now being of the numbze of the companie of this present Parliamente, nor any Commissioner shalbe named, or assigned to be any Collectour, Subcollectour, or Presentour of the saied Subsidie, or of any parte therof, nor no Commissioners shalbe compelled to make any presentmente, or certificat, other then in the Kinges Exchequier, of, for, or concerning thesaied Subsidie, or any parte therof in any of thesaied twoo yeres. And likewise that none other persone that shalbe named, or assigned to be Commissioner in any place, to, and for the execution of this Acte of Subsidie in any of thesaied twoo yeres, be, or shalbe assigned, or named head Collectour, in any of thesame twoo yeres, of thesaied Subsidie, neither of any parte therof. And that every soche persone, or persones, whiche shalbe named, and appoynted, as is aforesaid, to be head Collectours, in, and for one of thesaied twoo yeres, shal not be compelled to be collectour for the other and last yere, and thesaied Collectours whiche shalbe assigned for the Collection of thesaied Subsidie, or for any parte therof, and every of them, be, and shalbe acquitted, and discharged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of every other charge in the Kinges Exchequier, or elsewhere, of them, or any of them, by reason of that collectio, paiemente, or accomptes, or any thing concerning thesame to be asked. And that if any persone receive, or take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any soche accomptaunt, that then he shal forfeite to the King for every penie, or value of penie so take, twentie pence, and suffre imprisonmente at the Kinges pleasure.

And after the taxing, and assessing of thesaied perellie Subsidies, as is aforesaid, had, and made, and thesaied ystreates therof in parchmente vnto the Collectours, in maner and fourme befoze rehearsed, delivered, thesaied Commissioners whiche shal take vpon them the execution of this Acte, within the limites of their commission, by their agrementes shal haue meting together: at whiche meting every of thesaied Commissioners, whiche then shal haue taken vpon them the execution of any parte of thesaied commission, shal by himselfe, or by his sufficient Deputie, truelie certifie, & bring forth vnto thesaied Commissioners named in thesaied commission, the certificat, and presentment made befoze him, and soche other Commissioners as wer limited with him in one limite, so that thesame certificat maie be accompted, and cast with other certificates of the other limites, within thesame commission, and then thesaied Commissioners, and every numbze of them vnto twoo at the least, as is aforesaid, if thei be in life, or their Executours, or administrators of their gooddes, if thei be then dead, shal ioinctlie and severallie, as thei were divided within their limites vnder their seales, perellie during

ring thesaied twoo yerres, by their discretion make one, or seuerall  
 wrytinges indented, containing in it, aswell the names of thesaied  
 Collectours by the Commissioners for soche collection, and accoupte  
 in the Erchequier, and paiemente in thesaied receipte deputed, and  
 assigned, as the grosse and seuerall summes wrytten vnto euery soche  
 Collectour to receiue thesaied Subsidie, & also al fines, amerciamen-  
 tes, and other forsaictures, if any soche, by reason of this Acte, happē  
 to be within the p̄cincte and limite of their commission to be certi-  
 fied into the Kinges Erchequier by thesaied Commissioners perelie  
 during thesaied twoo yerres, by thesaied Commissioners: in whiche  
 wryting, or wrytinges indented so to be certified, shalbe plainelie de-  
 clared, and exp̄essed, aswel in the whole, and entire summe, or sum-  
 mes of thesaied Subsidie seuerallie limited to the Collection of the  
 saied Collectours seuerallie depured, and assigned to the collection  
 of thesaied summes, so that none of thesaied Collectours so certified  
 in thesaied Erchequier, shalbe compelled there to accoumpte, or to be  
 charged, but onelie, to, and for the summe limited to his collection,  
 and not to, or for any summe limited to the collection of his felowe,  
 but that euery of theim shalbe seuerallie charged for their partes li-  
 mited to their collection. And if thesaied Commissioners ioigned in  
 one commission enioiges themselves, in that matier cannot agree, or  
 if any of them be not readie, or refuse to make certificat with other  
 of thesame Commissioners: that then thesame Commissioners make  
 make seuerall endentures, in fourme aforesaid, of their seuerall limi-  
 tes, or separacions of Collectours, within the limites of their com-  
 mission, vpon, and in the hundredeg, wardes, wapentakes, lathes,  
 rapes, or soche other like diuisions within their saied seuerall limites  
 of their commission, as the places there shal require, to be seuered, &  
 diuided, and as to thesame Commissioners shal seeme to make diui-  
 sions of their limites, or collections, for the seuerall charges of the-  
 same Collectours, so that alwaie one Collectour shalbe charged, &  
 accoumpte for his parte to him to be limited onelie by himselfe, & not  
 for any summe limited to the parte of any of his felowes, & the char-  
 ges of euery of the Collectours, to be set, & certified seuerallie vpon  
 them, and euery soche Collectour vpon his accoumpte, & paiemente  
 of the summe of moure limited within his collection to be seuerallie  
 by himselfe acquitted, and discharged in thesaied Erchequier with-  
 out payng any maner of fees, or rewardes to any persone, or per-  
 sons for thesame, vpon the peine, and penaltie laste abouesaid, and  
 not to be charged for any porcion of any other Collectour. And if a-  
 ny Commissioner, after he hath taken certificat of theim, that, as is  
 aforesaid, shal befoze any soche Commissioner be examined, and the  
 summes rated, and sette, and the booke, & wrytinges therof being in  
 his handes, or if any Collectour, or other persone charged with any

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receipte of any parte of any of thesaid Subsidies, siffenes, or tenth-  
thes, or any other persone taxed, or otherwise by this Acte charged  
with, and for any parcell of thesaid Subsidies, or with any other  
summes, for fine, amerciamente, penaltie, or other forfaiture, hap-  
pen to die befoze soche Commissioner, Collectour, or other whatsoe-  
uer persone, or persones haue executed, accompted, satisfied, or  
sufficientlie discharged it, whiche to euery soche persone shal apper-  
teine or belong to dooe accordyng to this Acte, then the Executours  
and heires of euery soche persone, and al other seased of any landes,  
or tenementes, that any soche persone being charged by this Acte,  
and deceassing befoze he be discharged therof, or any other to his ble  
onely had of estate of enheritaunce at the time that any soche person  
was named Commissioner, Collectour, or in any other wise char-  
ged with, and for any maner of thing to be dooen, satisfied, or paid  
by reason of this Acte, and al these that haue in their possessions, or  
handes, any gooddes, or cattalles, that were to any soche persone,  
at the time of his death, landes or tenementes, that were thesame  
persones, at the time he was (as is aforesaid) charged by this Acte,  
shalbe by thesame compelled, and charged to dooe, & accompt in  
euery case, as thesame persone so being charged shoulde haue dooen,  
& might haue been compelled to dooe, if he had been in plaine life, after  
soche rate of the landes, and gooddes of thesaid Commissioner, or  
Collectour, as the partie shal haue in his hande. And if thesame com-  
missioners, for causes reasonable theim mouing, shal thinke it not  
conuenient to ioigne in one certificat, as is beforesaid, then thesaid  
persone, or persones that shal first ioigne together, or he that shal  
first certifie thesaid wryting indented, as is aforesaid, shal certifie  
al the names of the Commissioners of that commission, wherupon  
soche wrytinges shalbe there then to bee certified, with diuisions of  
the hundzedes, wapentakes, wardes, tithingcs, or other places, to,  
and among soche Commissioners of thesame commission, with the  
names of thesame Commissioners, where soche separacions and di-  
uisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of moneie, aswel of, & for the  
said Subsidie taxed, or set, of, or within thesaid hundzedes, war-  
des, wapentakes, or other places to him, or them diuided, or assigned,  
that shal so certifie thesaid first wryting, as of fines, amerciametes,  
penalties, or other forfaitures, if any happen to be within thesame  
limites, wherof thesame wrytinges shalbe certified, and after soche  
wryting indented, whiche, as is aforesaid, shalbe certified, & not con-  
teine in it the whole, and ful summes sette, and taxed within the li-  
mites of thesame commission, the other Commissioners of thesame,  
euery of thesaid thoo peres, befoze the date of paiement of thesaid  
Subsidie, shal certifie into thesaid Exchequier by their wryting, or  
wrytinges indented to be made, as is beforesaid, the grosse, and ge-  
neral



ueral summes, sette, and taxed, within the places to them limited for thesaied Subsidie, and other fines, amerçiaementes, penalties, and forsaictures with the names of the hundzedes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or elles by their saied wozitines indented, to certifie at thesaied place, befoze thesaied daie of paiemente onlesse reasonable causes for their excuses, why thei maie not make soche certificat, of, and for thesaied Subsidie, with fines, amerçiaementes, and other forsaictures, growing, or sette, by reason of the causes of their lettes, or of their none certisyng, as is abouesaid, or elles in defaulte therof, pzoesse to bee made out of the Kinges Exchequer against thesaied Commissioners, and euery of theim not making certificat, as is afozesaid, by the discretion of the Treasurer, and Barones of thesaied Exchequer.

Þzouided alwaies, and be it enacted by aucthoritie afozesaid, that the inhabitauntes of the Paroche of Sainte Martine, called Stampfozde Barone in the suburbes of the Bozoughe, and Toun of Stampfozde, in the Southe parte of the water there called Wel-lande, whiche herafter shalbe contributoze to the paiemente of this pzeent Subsidie graunted to the Kinges highnesse, his heires, and successours, shalbe assessed, rated, and taxed for this time, by soche Commissioners, whiche shalbe appoincted for the taxing, rating, and selling of soche Subsidies, or tare, within the Countie of Lincolne, and shalbe for this time contributozies, and paie thesaied Subsidie to the Collectour, or Collectours whiche shalbe assigned, and appoincted for the leuiage, and gathering of thesame, with the Aldremenne, and Burgeses of thesaied Bozoughe, and Toun of Stampfozde.

Þzouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie afozesaid, that al, and euery persone, and persones hauing Manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, chargeable to the paiement of the Subsidie graunted to the Kinges Maiestie by this Acte, and also hauing Spiritual possessions chargeable to his saied Maiestie by the graunt made by the Clergie of this Realme in their conuocation, & ouer this hauing substance in gooddes, & cattalles chargeable by this saied Acte, that then if any of thesaied persone, or persones be herafter charged, assessed, and taxed for thesaied Manours, landes, and tenementes, and Spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged, and taxed for his, or their gooddes, and cattalles, that then he, or thei shalbe onelie charged by vertue of this Acte, for his, and their saied Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamentes, and Spiritual possessions, or onelie for his saied gooddes, and cattalles, the best therof to bee taken for the King, and not to bee charged for bothe, or double charged for any of them, any thing in this Acte con- teined to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

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Provided alwaies, that this graunte of Subsidie, noz any other thing therein contained in any wise extende to charge the inhabitauntes, or dwellers within Irelande, Calice, Hammes, Guines, & the Marches of thesame, Ierneleie, & Gerneseleie, or any of them, of, for, & concerning any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, gooddes, cattalles, or other mouable substance, whiche thesaid inhabitauntes, or dwellers, or any other to their vse haue within Irelande, Calice, Hammes, Guines, or other Marches of thesame, Ierneleie, Gerneseleie, or in any of them, of, for, or concerning any fees, or wages, whiche any of thesaid inhabitauntes, or dwellers haue of our Souuerain lord the King for their attendaunce, & dooing service to our said Souueraine Lorde, in Irelande, Calice, Hammes, Guines, & the Marches of thesame, Ierneleie, & Gerneseleie, or in any of the, any thing in this presente Acte to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this present acte of subsidie, ne any other thing therein contained, extende to any of the English inhabitauntes, or reliquantes in any of the Counties of Northumbzelande, Cumbzeland, Westmoxelande, the toun of Barwike, the toun of Newcastle vpon Tyne, & the Bishoprike of Durham, noz to any of them, of, for, or concerning any Manours, Landes, tenementes, and other possessions, gooddes, cattalles, or other mouable substance, whiche thesame inhabitauntes, or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the said Counties of Northumbzeland, Cumbzeland, Westmoxeland, or the toun of Barwike, the toun of Newcastle vpon Tyne, or the Bishoprike of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concerning any fees, or wages, whiche any of thesaid inhabitauntes, or dwellers haue of our Souuerain lord the King, for their attendaunce, & dooing service to our said Souueraine Lorde the King, for, or within thesaid Counties of Northumbzeland, Cumbzeland, Westmoxelande, the toun of Barwike, the toun of Newcastle vpon Tyne, & the Bishoprike of Durham, or any of them, to, or for thesaid taxing, leuyng, gathering, or paiement: but that the English inhabitauntes, & reliquantes, and euery of them, of thesaid Counties, Bishoprike, and Tounes, and of euery of them, shalbe of, and from thesaid Subsidie, and euery parcell therof, of, and for their Manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, gooddes, and cattalles liyng, and being in thesame Counties, Tounes, and Bishoprike, or any of them, betterlie acquitted, and discharged, any thing in this present Acte before rehearsed to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Provided also that allettres Patentes graunted by the Kinges highnesse, or any of his most noble progenitours, to any Cities, Bourges, or Tounes within this Realme, of any maner of liberties, priuileges, or exemptions fro the burthen, and charge of any soche grauntes of Subsidies, whiche be at this present time in force, and

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hassable, shall remaine good and effectuell to thesaied Cities, Boroughes, and Townes hereafter, according to the purpotes therof, though the inhabitauntes of thesame shall vpon the great & weightie considerations of the Kinges Maesties great, and inestimable charges befoze expessed, be for this graunt charged, and contributozie, in like maner, fourme, and sozte, as other Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, whiche be not in any wise priuileged, or from suche grauntes of Subsidie excepted.

Prouiued alwaies, & be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that no Orphan, or infant within thage of xii. yeris bozne within any of the Kinges dominions, shalbe charged to any paiemente of this Subsidie for his gooddes, and Cattalles to him left, or bequethed. Any thing conteined in this acte to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Prouiued also that thesaied graunte of Subsidie, or any other thing therein conteined dooe not in any maner of wise extende to be prejudicial or hurteful to th inhabitantes, or resiauntes at this presente time, within the fiue portes corpozate, or to any of their membres incorpozate, or vnited to thesame fiue portes, or to any of thesame fiue portes, of, or for any parte, or parcell of thesaied summes graunted in this present Parliament of thesaied inhabitauntes now resiauntes, or any of them to be taxed, sette, asked, leuied, or paid, but that thesaied inhabitauntes, and resiauntes in thesaied fiue portes, and their membres be, and shalbe of, and from thesaied graunt, and paiemente of thesaied Subsidie, during the resiauncie there, and no lenger, clerelie acquitted, and discharged, any matier or whatsoever thing in this present Acte hadde, or made to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

Prouiued also, that this acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shal extende to the gooddes, or landes of any College, Halle, or House within the Vniuersities of Orenforde, and Cambridge, or any of the, or to the gooddes, or landes of the College of Winton founded by Bishoppe Wickham, or to the gooddes, or landes of the college of Eton nerte Windesore, or to the gooddes, or landes of any commune free Grammar Schole within the Realme of Englande, or Wales, or to the gooddes of any Reader, Scholemaster, or Scholar within thesaied Vniuersities, and Colleges, or any of them there remaining for studie, without fraude, or couine, or to the gooddes, or landes of any Hospital, Housondieu, or Spitlehouse prepared, and bused for the sustentacion, and reliefe of pooze people, any thing in this Acte conteined to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

Forasmuche also, as diuerse and sundrie the Kinges Maesties Subiectes, and other th inhabitantes within the Counties of Anglesele, Caernaruan, Merioneth, Flint, Denbigh, Mountgomerie, Radnor, Brecknocke, Glamorgan, Caerdigan, Caermarthen, Den-

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brooke in the Dominion of Wales, and of the Countie Palantine of Chester, be at this present time charged, & chargeable with the paiement of the Reliefe graunted to his Maiestie in the Parlements holden at Westminster vpon Prorogacion, in the seconde and thirde yere of his Maiesties reigne, whiche Reliefes, by reason of severall provisions made, and provided for the Counties aforesaid, in, and by thesaid severall actes, be as yet vnpaid, and some of thesame relieves in some of thesaid Shires are to be paid before some other of thesame relieves are to be paid in some other of thesame Shires for the paiementes wherof, diuerse the Kinges Maiesties Subiectes, and inhabitauntes of thesaid Counties, are, and stande charged to paie thesame to the Kinges Highnesse at daies yet to come: The King our Soueraine Lorde is therefore pleased, and contented, that it bee provided, ordeined, and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the first paiement of this Subsidie graunted to his Highnesse by this present Acte of Parliament, shalbe gathered, leuied, and paid of the inhabitauntes of euery of thesaid severall Shires, & Countie Palantine, within one yere nexte after the last paiement of thesaid Reliefe shalbe due, and ought to be paid, that is to saie, ordrelie in euery of thesaid Counties, and Countie Palantine, as the last daie of the paiement of thesame Reliefe shall happen to ende, and expire, and not before mises, and Reliefe be past: And that thesame Subsidie shalbe taxed, leuied, gathered, and paid in thesaid Courte of Exchequier in the twoo yeres then nexte folowing, at suche like daies, and times in thesame twoo yeres, as be before in this present Acte limited and appointed, accordyng to the true meaning of this Acte, any thing in this Acte mentioned to the contrarie herof in any wise notwithstanding.

And to the entent thesaid daies already limited, and appointed for the paiement of thesaid Reliefe, maie be certainlie knownen, and be of Recoarde in the Kinges said Courte of Exchequier: Be it therfore enacted by theauctoritie aforesaid, that twoo of the Iudices of the Peace, in euery of thesaid Shires, and Countie Palantine, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall before the feast of Sainte Martine the Bishoppe nexte ensuing, certifie into thesaid Courte of Exchequier the certaintie, and very laste daie appointed, and limited for the paiement of thesaid Reliefe, in euery of thesaid Counties, and Countie Palantine, whiche certificat shalbe receiued in thesame Courte, and there remaine of Recoarde, for the consideration aforesaid.

**The.xiii. Chapitre.**

**An Acte for the confirmation of a Subsidie graunted by the Clergie.**

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Here the Prelates, and Clergie of the Province of Cantorburie haue louinglie and liberallie (for certaine considerations) geuen and graunted to the Kinges Maestie a Subsidie of sixe Shillings of the pounce, to be taken, and leuied of all, and singular the Spiritual promotions within the same province, during the terme of .iii. yeres now nexte ensuing, in suche certaine maner and

fourme, and with diuerse exceptions, and prouisions specified, and contained in a certaine instrumente by them thereof made, and deliuered to the Kinges highnesse vnder the seale of the Archebischoppe of Cantorburie, as in the same instrumente exhibited in this present Parliament more plainelie it dooeth appeare, the tenour wherof ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates, and Clergie of the Province of Cantorburie, by great and weightie causes to them preposed, and among the same weighed, and debated, considering their bounde duetie to the Kinges Maestie their moste naturall, and graciouse Souueraine Lorde, and hauing in remembraunce the manifold benefices whiche thei dailie receiue by his most graciouse, and godlie gouernemēt, wherby thei be conserued in peace, and quietnesse, and so more hable to serue God, and intende to their office: for declaracion of their good hertes and mindes towarde his highnesse, with one voice, and very hartie good will, dooe geue & graunt to his Maestie one Subsidie, in maner and fourme folowing, that is to saie, that euery Archebischoppe, Bischoppe, Deane, Archedeacon, Prebendarie, Priouoste, master of Colleges, master of Hospitales, person, Vicar, and euery other person, and persones of whatsoeuer name, or degree, he, or thei be, enioiying any Spiritual promotion, or other Temporal possessions to the same Spiritual promotion annexed, now not diuided, nor separate by Acte of Parliamente, or otherwise from the possession of the Clergie, shall paie to the Kinges highnesse, for euery pounce, that he maie yerelie dispende, by reason of the said Spiritual promotion, the summe of .vi. s. And for the true, and certaine knowelege of the yerelie value of the said promotions, and euery of them, wherof the paiement shall be made, the rate, taxacion, and valuation, and estimation remaining of recoorde in the Kinges Maesties court of the first fructes, and Tenthe, for the paiement of the perpetuall disme, concerning all suche promotions, as be in possession of the Clergie, or any other not diuided by Acte of Parliamente, or otherwise (as is aforesaid) shall be folowed, and obserued without any making any valuation, rate, taxacion, or estimation, other then in the said recoorde is compyled.

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saied baluacion, and tare befoze mencioned, is yerelie paid to the Kinges highnesse for the perpetual disme, so as there remaineth on- ly nine partes to the incumbent cleare, this Subsidie of. vi. s. the. l. shall be vnderstande onely of thesame nine partes, and of no moze.

Provided alwaies that no persone that is already promoted to any Spirituall benefice, sithen the first daie of Octobze last past be- foze the date herof, or that hereafter shalbe promoted to any Spi- ritual benefice on thisside the first daie of Octobze, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lozde God a thousande five hundred fiftie and siue, by reason whereof thei be, shall, or maie be charged that yere to the paiement of first fructes, shalbe contributozie, or charged to the Kinges highnesse with any parte of this Subsidie, during the first yere of his saied promocion. The saied Prelates, and Clergie also dooe graunt, that this Subsidie of. vi. s. of the pounce of the yerelie value of euery promocion taxed, as aforesaid, shalbe paid to the Kinges Maestrie within. iii. yerres next ensuing the date hereof, that is to saie. ii. s. of euery pounce in euery of thesaid. iii. yerres. The first paiemēt therof to be due, and made at the first daie of Octobze next ensuing, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lozde God. M. D. liii. and the seconde paiement thereof to be due, and made in the first daie of Octobze then next folowing, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lozde God a thousande, five hundred, fiftie & foure. And the thirde paiemēt thereof to be due, and made in thesaied first daie of Octobze the next folowing, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lozde God a. M. D. lb. and to be deliuered, and paid yerelie by suche as shalbe appointed to haue the collection therof, to the Tresourer of the Kinges court of first fructes, and Tenthes, or to any other persone, whom it shall please the Kinges Maestrie to appoint for the receipt therof, befoze, or at the last daie of Januarie, in euery of thesaid. iii. yerres.

Item thesaied Prelates, and clergie also dooe graunt, that euery prieste, and al other persones hauing a pension by reason of the disso- lucion of any the late Monasteries, Colleges, free Chappelles, chaun- tries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitales, or any other corpora- tion within thesaied Prouince of Cantorburie shall likewise paie to his highnesse. vi. s. of euery. l. of thesaied pensio within thesaied. iii. yerres at suche daie & time, as is befoze specified: and that for the sure paiement thereof, a deduction and refencion of thesaied. vi. s. to bee made in the handes of the paiers of thesaied pensio after the propo- sicion of. ii. s. of the pounce, euery of thesaied. iii. yerres to be deliuered and paid vnto his maiesties vse at suche time, & to suche persones as the subsidie of. vi. s. aforesaid shalbe paid vnto. Item thesaied Pre- lates & clergie doe graunt, that euery priest receiuing annual stipend being no perpetuitie within thesaied prouince, shal paie vnto his gra- ces vse. vi. s. viii. d. in euery of thesame. iii. yerres, at thesame daies, &

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Under the same penalties, as the rest of the Clergie dooe paie for their promotions. Item the said Prelates, and Clergie fether dooe graunt, that euery Archebischoppe, & Bischoppe, and the see beyng vacant, euery Deane, and Chaptre of that see boide shalbe Collectours of this Subsidie within their propre Diocese: and for the better recouerie of the said collection, the said Prelates, and Clergie humbly beseeche the kinges highnesse, that thei maie haue full power, and auctoritie by his Maiestie, and the high court of Parliament, to vse all suche waies meanes, and processe, as be prescribed in the Acte of Parliament of perpetuall Disine for the Collection, and leuyng of the same: And shall make account the of before the Chauncellour, or Treasourer, or other officers of his graces court of the first fructes, and Tenth, or in suche other place, as it shall please his highnesse to appoint in suche wise, and after suche forme onely, as the said Archebischoppes and Bischoppes be now, or shalbe charged for the Collection of the perpetuall Disine, wherby is meant, how the lacke, and default of payment, of, and for any particular promotion shall onely charge the Incumbent, and suche as be bounde to paie the same, and that vpon suche peines as be provided in the Acte of perpetuall Disine, against them that dooe make default in that behaulfe.

Provided alwaies that euery Incumbent makynge suche default of payment after certificat of suche default duely made, and exhibited in the Kinges Maiesties Courte of first fructes, and Tenth, shall forfait, and loose onely that his benefice, or promotion for whiche he maketh default, and for the same shall incurre no other forfaiture, losse, daungier, pain, or penaltie: Any other pain, clause, article, or condition in the said Statute of perpetuall Disine contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the Archebischoppe, Bischoppe, or Deane, and Chaptre gatherynge that thei can receiue, and makynge payment thereof, shall for the rest not by thei receiued be discharged by their certificat to be made by the first daie of februarye, in euery of the said. iii. yerres, or within. xxiij. daies after, into the Courte of first fructes, and Tenth: And. vi. s. of euery pounce wherewith the Collectour shalbe charged in his account, clearly to be paid into the said receipt, or into soche other place, as it shall please the kinges Maiestie to appoint, shalbe allowed to the same Collectour for his said account for the same, for the charges, and Collection, postage, conueighynge, and payng of the said Subsidie.

Provided alwaies that no Spirituall promotion of any landes, or Reuenues annexed to the same beyng charged by this graunt, or Acte of the Province of Cantorburie, or any gooddes, or Cattalles growynge, beyng, or renuyng of the same, or pertainynge to the owners of the said spirituall promotion, shalbe charged, or made contributorye to any. xv. or other Subsidie already graunted, to the kinges highnesse

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of the late fee, or hereafter to be graunted, during the terme of the said iii. yeres. Item the said Prelates and Clergie further graunt, that euery of his graces newe erected Bishoppes, Deanes, Prebendaries, Peticanons, and Preachers shalbe charged to this Subsidie for their awne porcions onely therof to paie. vi. Shyllynges of the pounce within the said iii. yeres, as is aboue rehearsed of other Bishoppes, and Spirituall persones: And these porcions of Rentes, and Reuenues, whiche his highnesse hath geuen vnto theim, for the maintenance of poore men, Scholemasters, Almers, Grammatians, Choristers, and other Officers, and Ministers not to be charged with any part of this Subsidie.

Provided also that euery Person, Vicar, or other spirituall man payng any Pension, wherof none allowaunce is made in the valuation of his said benefice, shall, and maie retaine. ii. s. of euery pound of euery loche Pension euery yere during the said iii. yeres to his awne relief, in consideration that he is charged to paie his Subsidie of. vi. s. of the pound, out of euery pound of the whole value of his promociõ.

Provided also that where certain Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Tithes, Pensions, Porcions, fruites, and other Hereditamentes, lately belongyng to diuerse Cathedrall Churches, or to other places Ecclesiasticall within the said Prouince of Cantorburie, whiche were geuen, and assigned to be bestowed, and spent, to, and on the findyng, and maintenance of certain Chauntries, Annuerlaries, Obites, Lightes, Lampes, and other like thinges, intentes, and purposes, be now comen into the handes, and possession of the kinges maiestie our Souerein Lorde, by force of a Statute therof made in the first yere of his gracious reigne, as by the said Statute moze plainly appeareth, that the said Cathedrall Churches, and the Deanes, or Presidets, and Chapters of the same, and all other places and persones to whom the said Landes, Rentes, and other the premises, or any of the did lately apperteyn, shall not be charged to, and with any contribution, or payment of any Subsidie for that part, or porcion wherunto the kinges highnesse is intituled or possessed of, but the said Subsidie shalbe vnderstande, to be chargeable, and due onely of all, and singular Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Tithes, Pensions, Porcions, fruites, and other Hereditamentes, whiche dooe still remain not disseuered from the handes and possession of the said Cathedrall Churches, and other the places, and persones aforesaid. And that deducciõ and allowaunce bee made to theim, and euery of theim in the payment of the said Subsidie, out of the whole value, taxacion, and estimation made for the payment of the said perpetuall Disme, remainyng of Recozde in the kinges Maiesties Courtes of first fruites, and Tenth for that rate, and porcion, whiche is comen to the handes, and possession of our said Souerein Lorde, or otherwise seuered from the possession



cessions of the said Cathedrall Churches, and other places and persones aforesaid by force of the statute premised.

Provided also that every person, and Vicar whose benefice is above the valuation of. v. l. and not above. vi. l. xii. s. iiii. d. after the rate of the perpetuall Tenth, shall paye every yere, of the said. iiii. p. res, onely. vi. shillings. viii. d. as Stipendaries dooe, and not otherwise. And that all Persones, and Vicars, whose benefices be of the valuation of. v. poundes or vnder, after the rate of the said perpetuall Tenth, shall not be charged, nor chargeable with this Subsidie, or any part thereof.

Provided alwaies that this Subsidie graunted by the Clergie, shall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, house of studentes, or College situate, or set within the Uniuersities of Oxforde, and Cambridge, or of any Benefice, or other Reuenues vnto any house of studentes, or College of Oxforde, or Cambridge vntied, appropried, or apperteyning, or of the College of Eton nigh Windsoze, or of the college of Winchester founded by William Wickam some time Bishop of Winchester, or of any Hospitalles, or Grammar Scholes, or of any other Churche, or benefice, or of any other reuenues to the said houses, Colleges, Hospitalles, or Grammar Scholes, or to any of the annexed, appropried, or otherwise apperteyning.

Provided also that every priest, and all other persones hauing a Pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, free Chapelles, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitalles, or any other Incorporacions within the Province of Cantorburie, or any of them, and being of the summe of. xl. s. or vnder, and not above, shall not be charged or chargeable to the said Subsidie, or any part thereof, for any such Pension of. xl. s. or vnder, any thing contained in this graunt to the contrary notwithstanding. And for the sure, and true payment of this Subsidie graunted by the said Prelates and Clergie of the Province of Cantorburie, accordyng to the tenour, purport, effect, and true meanyng of this present Instrument, the said Prelates, and Clergie moste humbly desire, and require your highnesse, that this their said gift, graunt, and Subsidie, and every matier, summe of money, clause, and sentence in this Instrument contained, concernyng the said Subsidie, maie be ratified, established, and confirmed by auctoritie of your highnesse court of Parliament.

And for the true, and sure payment of the said Subsidie graunted by the said Prelates, and Clergie of the said Province of Cantorburie, accordyng to the tenour, effect, and true meanyng of the said Instrument. Be it enacted by the kinges highnesse, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall, and Tempozall, and the Communes in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the said gift, and graunt, and every matier, summe of money, clause, and sentence



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sentence in thesaid Instrument contened, be ratified, established, and confirmed by theauctoritie aforesaid: And fethermore be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that every persone that shalbe appointed to the Colleccion, and gatherpng of thesaid Subsidie, shal haue full power, and auctoritie to leue, take, and perceiue thesame Subsidie by auctoritie of the Censures of the Churche, or by distresse, vpon the possession of the fermours, and awners of the Landes, and Tenementes chargeable by this Acte, for, or to the paiement of any summe, or summes of money, or otherwise, by the discretion of the Collectours therof. And that no Repleuie, Prohibition, or Supersedeas shalbe allowed, or obeyed for any persone, or persones, makpng default of paiement of thesaid Subsidie, contrary to the tenour of the graunt therof, vntill suche time as thei haue truely satisfied, and contented all suche part, and porcions, as to them in that behalf apperteineth. And that every suche fermour, and fermours that shal fortune herafter to be charged, to, and with the paiement of thesaid Subsidie, or any part therof, shal by the auctoritie aforesaid, bee allowed, and retein in his handes asmuche of his perely ferme, and Rente, as the Summe, whiche he shal fortune to paie for his Lorde, or Lessor, shal extende, and amounte vnto, any wrytyng, couenaunt, bande, or other thing had, or made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And for the leuypng of thesaid Subsidie of vi. shillpnges of the ponde, of, and for the perely Pensions whiche any Priest, or other persone, or persones whiche heretofore haue been Religious, or taken for Religious persones, dooe, or shal receiue at the Courte of Chaungementacions, and Reuenues, the Chauncellour of thesame Courte for the time beyng shal perely durpng thesaid. iiii. yeres, that is to saie, at the feast of sainte Michael Charchaungell perely durpng thesaid. iii. yeres, detein, and retein in his handes, or cause to be deteined, or reteined in the handes of other thofficers, and Ministers of thesame Courte to the Kinges vse for every ponde of thesame Pensions twoo shillpnges: and thesame shal well, and truely paie, or cause to be paid into thesaid Courte of the Tente, and first Fruictes, or elsewhere, as the kinges highnesse shal appoint, before the last daie of Januarie, without any charge to be made, or suffered in that behalfe.

And be it fether enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that every other persone, and persones whiche paie, or be chargeable to paie any perely Rente, Pension, or Pensions to any Priest, or other persone, or persones whiche heretofore haue been Religious, or taken for Religious persones chargeable to the paiement of thesaid Subsidie: That every suche persone, or persones whiche dooe so paie, or hereafter shal paie any of thesaid perely Rentes, Pension, or Pensions, shal not onely, durpng thesaid three yeres, retein in his handes perely

relie to the kinges vse for every pounde of thesame yerelie rentes, pension, or pensions. ii s. and thesame well, and truelie paie, or cause to be paid yerelie, during thesame three yeres, vnto theordinarie of the same Diocese, or to the Collectour of thesaied Subsidie there, to the kinges vse, but also shall yerelie during thesame three yeres, befoze the first daie of Decembre, certifie vnder his, or their seale, or seales vnto thesaied Courte of first fructes, and Tenthe, or els where it shall please the kinges highnesse to appointe the names, and Surnames of al, and singular suche priests, or other persones religious, or heretofore taken for religious persones, as is aforesaid, and the true yerelie rentes, or pensions, whiche thei, or any of them be entitled to haue, or receiue yerelie, as is aforesaid. And that the Chauncellour for the time being of the kinges Courte of Augmentacions, and Reuenues of the Kinges Crowne, shall likewise yerelie, during thesaied three yeres, befoze the first daie of Decembre certifie vnder the seale of thesame Courte, not onely the names, and Surnames of al, and singular priests, and other persones chargeable for thesaied seuerall rentes, and yerelie pensions to the paiement of thesaied Subsidie into thesaied Courte of the Tenthe, and first fructes, or els where it shall please the kinges Maiestie to appointe, but also the true and iuste yerelie summe, and summes of thesame yerelie rentes, or pensions with the names, or Surnames of the persones chargeable to the paiement thereof. And that the Archebischoppe, and Bischoppe of every Diocese within thesaied Province of Cantorburie, shall yerelie, during thesaied three yeres, befoze the firste daie of Februarie, or within. xliiii. daies after at the furthest, certifie vnder his Seale in thesaied Courte of the Tenthe, and firste fructes, or els where it shall please the king to appointe the names, and Surnames of al, and singular Stipendarie priests, being within any of their Diocese, chargeable to thesaied paiement of thesaied Subsidie, as is aforesaid, and also the names, and Surnames of every suche persone, and persones, with whom he or thei dooe dwell, and take any Stipende, or wages.

And bee it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that every suche persone, and persones whiche within thesaied three yeres shall geue, and paie any Stipende, or Wages to any suche priest, as is abovesaid, shall for the insufficiencie or defaulte of every of thesame priest, or priestes being in seruice, and Wages with him at the firste daie of Octobze, bee charged, or chargeable, to, and with the paiement of Sixe shillings eight pence for thesame yere.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that thesaied Archebischoppe, and Bischoppes, & other persones chargeable, to, and with

with the collection of the said Subsidie of. vi. s. the pounce, within the said Province of Cantorburie, shall have upon every paiement thereof made in the kinges Courte of the Tenth, and first fructes, or els where the kinges Maestie shall appointe, a sufficient acquitaunce in writing of suche persone, or persones as the kinges Maestie shall appointe for the receipte thereof, the same acquitaunce witnessing the same receipte of as muche of the same summe of the same Subsidie as shall be by any of them so receiued: and every suche acquitaunce in writing sealed, and subscribed with the name, or names of every suche persone, or persones, that so by the kinges appointment shall receiue any of the said summes of moneie, shall be as good, and effectuell in the lawe, and also a sufficient discharge to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if it were made by Acte of Parliament: and that every persone and persones, whiche shall haue, and receiue any suche acquitaunce, shall paie but onely. ii. s. for every of the same acquitaunces.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all, and every graunt, and grauntes of all, and every summe, and summes of moneie, whiche hereafter shall be graunted to the kinges highnesse by the Clergie of the Province of Poike, shall be of the same strengthe, force, and effecte in all thinges, as the said graunt made by the said Province of Cantorburie, and shall be taxed, certified, collected, leuied, and gathered according to the tenour, fourme, and effecte of this present acte of Parliament, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, in suche maner, as though it were speciallie, plainlie, and particularlie expessed, and rehearsed in this Acte by expresse wordes, termes, and sentences in their seuerall natures, and kindes.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that every late persone having any Spirituall promotion chargeable by this Acte, and also having Tempozall possessions, gooddes, Cattalles and debtes chargeable to this Subsidie graunted by the Tempozaltie, shall be charged, taxed, and sette, for his said Spirituall promotion with the Clergie, and for his Tempozall possessions, gooddes, and Cattalles with the Tempozaltie, and not otherwise.

Provided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all provisions before rehearsed, contained in the said graunt of the Prelates, and Clergie of the Province of Cantorburie, and the like, or the same provisions hereafter to bee contained in the graunt of the Prelates, and Clergie of the Province of Poike, shall be good and effectual, and to be observed, and kepte in every point, and Article, according to the true purpose, and meaning of the same.



AN ACTE FOR THE KINGES Fol. xli  
MAIESTIES MOSTE GRA.

CIOVS GENERALL AND

FREE PERDONE.

The. xlii. Chapitre.



THE kinges moste excellent Maiestie considering his high power to be geuen vnto him, fro almighty God to gouerne, and rule his people by distribution of Iudgement, and mercie, as causes dooe require, and remembryng this present tyme into how many penalties, and daungers of lawes son, dyie his louyng subiectes be fallen, out of the which, (although thei shewe themselves many waies soze therfore) thei cannot be deliuered, if his maiestie shall suffice the weight, and burden of Justice to remain vpon their Shoulders: As mercifully moued by almighty God (in whose handes the hartes of kinges be) of reasonable pietie, and princelie boūtefulness, haupng on the one parte greate hope of an vniuersall amendemente, (by Goddes grace) of soche as haue erred, and on the other part, a manifest declaration in this Parliament, of the faithfull louyng hartes of his sated subiectes, to graunt, and geue without respecte of a greate encrease of treasure, whiche might arise by execution of the penall lawes, a generall, free, bountefull, and beneficiall perdone, as foloweth. That is to saie, that al, and euery of his sated subiectes, aswell spirituall, as temporall of this his realme of Englande, Wales, the Isles of Ffetnesey, and Gernesey, Barwicke, and Calice, and the Marches of thesame, their heires, successours, executours, and administratours of the, and euery of thein, and all, and singular bodies in any maner of wise corporate, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridynges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Tounes, Villages, and Tithynges, and euery of thein, and the successour and successours of euery of the, shalbe by auctoritie of this present Parlyamente acquitted, pardoned, released, and discharged against the kinges highnesse, his heires, successours, executours, and euery of them, of all maner treasons, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, trespasses, wronges, deceiptes, misdemeanours, forfaitures, penalties, and profits, summes of money, peines of death, peines corporall, and pecuniarie, and generally of all other thinges, causes, querelles, suites, iudgementes, and executions in this present acte hereafter not excepted, nor compasssed, whiche maie be, or can be by his highnesse in any wise, or by any meane pardoned, before, & vnto the first daie of februarye last past, and next before the Session of this present Parliament, to euery, or any of his sated subiectes, bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, Shires, Ridynges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, tounes, villages, and tithynges, or any of them. And also the kinges highnesse is contented, that it be enacted by

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aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that this his said free pardon  
 shalbe as good, and effectuell in the lawe, to euery of his said subie-  
 ctes, bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, and to euery of the  
 by the said generall wordes before rehearsed, in, and against all thins  
 ges, whiche bee not hereafter in this presente acte excepted, as the same  
 pardoned should haue been, if all offences, contemptes, forfaitures,  
 causes, matiers, suites, querelles, iudgements, executions, penalties  
 and al other thinges not hereafter excepted, had been particularly, sin-  
 gularly, specially, and plainly named, rehearsed, and specified, and al-  
 so pardoned by propre, and expresse wordes, and names in their kin-  
 des, natures, and qualities, by wordes, and termes therunto requi-  
 site, to haue been put, and expresse in this present acte of free pardon.  
 And that his said subiectes nor any of the, or the heires, executours,  
 and administratours of any of them, nor any of the said bodies cor-  
 porate, and others before named, nor any of them be, or shalbe sued,  
 vexed, or inquieted in their bodies, gooddes, landes, or cattralles for a-  
 ny maner of matier, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forfaiture, tres-  
 passe, offence, or any other thing suffered, dooen, or committed before the  
 said first daie of februarye against his highnesse, his croune, dignitie  
 prerogatiue, lawe, or statutes, but onely for soche matiers, causes, and  
 offences, as be plainly rehearsed in the exceptions in this present acte  
 hereafter mentioned, and for none other, any statute, or statutes, lawes,  
 customes, vses, or presides heretofore had, made, or used to the contrar-  
 y in any wise notwithstanding. Also the kinges highnesse of his bound-  
 teouse liberalitie, by aucthoritie of this present Parliamente graun-  
 teth, and freely geueth to euery of his said subiectes, and to euery of  
 the said bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, and to euery of  
 them, al soche forfaitures, and summes of money by any of them for-  
 faicted, whiche to his highnesse dooe, or should belong, or apperteyn by  
 reason of any offence, trespassse, contempt, misdemeanour, matier, cause  
 or querell suffered, dooen, or committed by them, or any of them, before  
 the said first daie of februarye, whiche be not hereafter plainly forpri-  
 sed, or excepted in this present acte. And that all, and euery the kinges  
 said subiectes, and all and singular bodies corporate, and other be-  
 fore rehearsed maie by him, or themselves, or his, or their deputie, or  
 deputies or by his, or their attourney, or attournies, accordyng to the  
 lawes of this realme, plead, and minister this present acte of free par-  
 done for his, or their discharge, of, and for euery thing that is by ver-  
 tue of this present Acte pardoned, discharged, geuen, or graunted  
 without any fee, or other thing in any wise payng to any persone, or  
 persones for writyng, or entrie of the Iudgement, or other cause con-  
 cernyng soche plee, writyng, or entrie, but onely .xli. s. to bee paid to  
 the officer, or clerke that shall entre the plee, matier, or iudgement for  
 the parties discharge in that behalfe, any statute, or vs to the con-  
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trarie notwithstanding.

And fethermoze the Kinges highnesse is contented, and pleased, that it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this pzeſent Parliamente, that this his ſaid free perdone, by the generall woordes befoze rehearſed, ſhalbee reputed, demed, and adiudged, allowed, and taken in all maner of Courtes of his, and elſwhere in all, and ſingular claues, woordes, and ſentences mencioned, and rehearſed in this ſaid free perdone moſte beneficially, and auaillably to al. and ſingular his ſaid ſubiectes, bodies coꝝpoꝝate, and others befoze rehearſed, and to euery of them, and moſte ſtrongly in barre, and diſcharge againſt his highneſſe, his heires, ſucceſſours, and executours in euery thing without any obſtacle, ambiguitie, chalenge, oꝝ other delate whatſoever it ſhalbe to be made, pleaded, objected, oꝝ alleged by the king our ſovereyn Loꝝde, his heires, ſucceſſours, oꝝ executours, oꝝ by his, oꝝ any of their generall attourney, oꝝ attournies, oꝝ by any perſone, oꝝ perſones foꝝ his highneſſe, oꝝ any of his heires, ſucceſſours, oꝝ executours.

And fethermoze it is enacted by thaaucthoritie of this pzeſent Parliament that if any officer, oꝝ clerke of any of his highneſſe courtes, commonly called the Kinges Benche, Chauncerie, and Common place, oꝝ of his Exchequier, oꝝ any other Officer, oꝝ Clerke of any other of his highneſſe courtes within this realme, at any tyme after the fiſtene daie of Aprill nexte compng, whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our Loꝝde God a thouſande, five hundred, fiſtie and thꝛee, make out, oꝝ write out any maner writtes, oꝝ other proceſſe, oꝝ any extreates, ſummons, oꝝ other pꝛeceptes whereby any of theſaid ſubiectes, oꝝ any of theſaid bodies coꝝpoꝝate, oꝝ other befoze rehearſed, oꝝ any of them ſhalbe in anywiſe arreſted, attached, diſtreigned, ſummoned, oꝝ otherwiſe vexed, inquieted, oꝝ greued in his, oꝝ their bodies, landes, tenementes, gooddes oꝝ cattalles, oꝝ in any of them, foꝝ, oꝝ becauſe of any maner thing perdoned, oꝝ diſcharged by vertue of this acte of free perdone, then he ſo offending, and therof lawfully condemned ſhall yelde, and paye foꝝ recompence therof to the partie ſo greued, oꝝ offended, treble damages, accoumptng, as parcelles of theſame damages, all coſtes of the ſutte, and neuertheleſſe all, and ſingular ſoche writtes, proceſſes, extreates, and pꝛeceptes ſo to be made foꝝ, oꝝ vpon any maner thing perdoned, oꝝ diſcharged by this pzeſent Acte of free perdone ſhalbe utterly void, and of none effect. Excepte, and alwaies foꝝeppreſſed out of this generall, and free perdone all, and all maner of high Treasones committed, oꝝ dooen by any perſone, oꝝ perſones by any ouert, deed, oꝝ acte againſt the Kinges moſte rotall perſone, and all inſurrections rebellions, conſpiracies, and confederacies traiterouſly had, committed, oꝝ dooen by any perſone, oꝝ perſones againſt the Kinges perſone, And alſo excepted all, and al maner of treasons, committed, oꝝ dooen by any perſone, oꝝ perſones in the parties beyonde the ſea, oꝝ in any  
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other place out of the Kinges Dominions, and all suites, punishments, executions, peines of death, forfeitures, and penalties for, or by reason, or occasion of any of the Treasons, or offences before excepted. Also except, and forgiued out of this free pardone all, and all manner of forgiuing, counterfeiting, washing, and clipping of what soeuer money, or coigne current in this realme, and all, and all manner of offences, impetitions, punishments, forfeitures, peines of death, Judgements, and executions for thesame. And also excepted, and forgiued out of this generall and free pardone all, and every piracie, and Piracies, dooen vpon the Sea, and all manner of voluntarie murders, and all, and every burglarye in any dwelling house, and all, and every robberye dooen in any Church, or Churches, and all, and every robberye dooen in any dwelling house, or houses in the date time, and all robberies dooen vpon, or to any mannes persone, and all rapes, and carnall rauishments of women, all wilfull escapes as well of Traitors, and Fellons, as of Clerkes atteincted. And also excepted, and forgiued all, and singular accessories of, in, or to the said offences before excepted, and to euery of theim, or any of theim. And also excepted out of this generall, and free pardone all attainours, and outlawries for any Treason, Murder, Robberie, or Burglarye. And also excepted all, and every manner of takinge fro the king of any gooddes, Issues, Rentes, Reuenues, or profits of any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes of any Traitor, Murderer, felon, Clerke, or Clerkes beeing persones atteincted, outlawed, or fugitiues, or of any of theim. And also excepted all manner of intrusions, and vnlawfull entrees had, made, or dooen in, or vpon any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes of our Souerein lord the king, and the takinge of any the issues, and profits of thesame, and also all suites, and impetitions for thesame. And excepted also all wastes committed, or dooen in any of the Kinges Wardes landes, or in the Wardes landes of any of the Kinges committies, and all forfeitures of marriage, of all, and euery the Kinges Wardes. And also all, and euery concelement of any Custome, or Subsidie, and all, and singular accomptes of all, and euery Collectour, and Collectours of any Subsidie, or fiftene, Beneuolence, or Contribution, and of euery other persone whatsoever that ought to be accomptaunt to the king, or to his moste noble father king Henrie theight, and the heires, executours, and administratours of euery soche accomptaunt, and all arrears of accomptes, and all impetitions, and suites for thesame. Also except all enclosures, and decates of houses of housebandrie, made, dooen, committed, or permitted, contrary to the fourme, and effecte of any Statute, or Statutes heretofore made.

Provided alwaies that all issues, profits, amerciamentes, fines, and

and other penalties, whiche were due to the king, befoze the first daie of februarye nexte befoze this present Session of Parliament, by reason of any soche enclosure, or decate, as is aforesaid, shalbe frely pardoned by this acte. And also except out of this generall, and free pardone all maner of vnlawfull claimes, vsurpaciōs, vser, abuser, or not vser of any liberties, franchises, priuileges, or iurisdiccions, wherof or for the whiche any writte or suite of *quo warranto*, or informacion is now dependyng in any of the kinges Courtes: And except, and forgyued out of this free pardone all issues, fines, and amerciamentes assayed, taxed, sette, extracted, or entred seuerally, or particularly, touching, & concernyng any one persone, or mo persones jointly, extendyng to the summe of .xx. poundes, or aboue. And also all, and singular other fines, aswell fines *pro licentia concordandi*, as other set, or taxed, and all other issues, and amerciamentes, aswell reall, as other, whiche seuerally, or particularly extende not to the summe of tenne poundes, whether thei be totted, or not totted, taken to the charge of the Shireif or not taken to his charge, extracted, or not extracted, whether thei be tourned into debte, or not into debte, and not beyng leuied, nor receiued by any Shireif, or Shireifes, Bailief, Ministers, or other Officers, shalbe fully, clearely, and plainly pardoned, and discharged against the king our Souerein Lozde, his heires, and successours for euer by this present Acte of free pardone. And also excepted, and forgyued out of this free pardone all, and all maner of deceptes, and offences of all, and singular Moniers, and other Officers, Ministers, or woorkmenne, of, or in any of the kinges Mintes within this Realme, or any other his Dominions, and all impetitions, and possiementes for thesame. And also excepted, and forgyued out of this generall, and free pardone all raiuisementes, and withholdynges of the kinges Wardes, and Wardes landes at any tyme comen, or growen to the kinges handes, and not yet discharged. And also excepted all Titles, and Accions of *Quare impedit*, and all Homages, Relief, and Reliefs, Rentes, Seruices, Rente charges, Rente Shēk, and the arerages of thesame not dooen, or paid to the king.

And also excepted all debtes whiche were, or be due to our Souerein Lozde the king, or to the moste noble king of famousse memoire king Henrie the seuenth, or to king Henrie theight, or to any persone or persones to his, or their vse, by any condemnacion, Recognisaunce, Obligacion, or otherwise, other then soche as are due vpon any Obligacion, or Recognisaunce forsaicted befoze thesaid first daie of februarye for non apparaunce, or for not keepyng of the peace, or not beyng of good behauiour. And also excepted, and forgyued out of this pardone all, and singular those forsaictures beyng due to our Souerein lozde the king by any penaltie, statute, or statutes, whiche be con-

uered into the nature of debte by Iudgement, or by the agremente of the offendour, or offendours, or wherof there is any veredict past for the king. And also excepted all forsaictures, and other penalties, and profits growen, or due to the king by reason of any offence, contempt, or other acte had, suffered, committed, or dooen contrarie to any statute, or statutes, or contrarie to the commune lawe, wherof any informacion is geuen in the kinges Exchequier, or into the kinges Benche, or wherof the kinges highnesse by his bill signed, or otherwise heretofore hath made any giste, or assignement to any persone, or persones. And also excepte, and forpysed out of this generall, and free perdone all soche persones, as the last daie of this presente Monethe of Marche were, or shalbe in prisone within the Tower of London, or in the flete, the kinges Benche, or the Marchalshay, and all persones put to execution befoze the said last daie of Marche. And also excepted out of this general, and free perdone all, and euery persone, and persones in any wise, befoze the twentieth daie of Marche, in the yere of our Lorde God a thousande five hundred, fiftie and two, committed to prisone to the Porters warde, by the commaundement of any the kinges Counsaill in the Marches of Wales, for any Felonie, Robberie, or murder at any tyme committed, or dooen befoze the said twentieth daie of Marche. And also excepted out of this general and free perdone all, and euery soche persone, and persones whiche haue heretofore fledde out of this Realme of Englande, or any othes the kinges dominions, for any offence of high Treason, petite Treason, or mispryson of Treason. And also except out of this perdone al, and euery offence, and offences touchyng, or concernyng the carriage, sendyng, or conueighyng ouer the Seas of any Golde, Siluer, Jewelles, or any coigne of Golde, or Siluer contrarie to the Lawes, or Statutes of this Realme onlesse it were, or be by the kinges licence.

Provided alwaie, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament that al, and euery persone, and persones whiche haue tended, or ought to sue Liuerie out of our saied Souerain Lorde the kinges handes, of, or for any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or hereditamentes whatsoever thei be, shall sue his, or their liuerie, and liueries out of our saied Souerain Lorde the kinges handes, of his, or their Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes in like maner, and fourme as thei, and euery of theim shoulde, and ought to haue dooen, if this acte had neuer been had, ne made, any article, acte, or actes, thing, or thinges in this present acte of generall, and free perdone comprised, and specified to the contrarie notwithstanding.

And bee it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid that in case it bee objected to, or against any Shireif, or Shireifes, or other accompraunters, in the kinges Courte of Exchequier, or in any o- ther his courtes, that any Shireif or Shireifes, other then Officers accomptaunt



accountant haue receiued, or taken any soche fines, issues, or amercia-  
mentes by this present acte pardoned, and acquitted, that then eue-  
ry soche Shiref, & Shirefes and other accountauntes shalbe di-  
scharged, released, pardoned, and acquitted therof by his, or their othe  
without any fether triall in that behalfe.

Prōvided alwaie that this present acte of free pardon, nor any thing  
therin contened, in any wise extende to discharge, remit, or acquite a-  
ny persone, or persones for any soche issues, fines, or amercia-  
mentes, as any Shiref heretofore haue accounted for, before the Barones  
of the kinges Exchequer, or elsewhere, and paid thesame issues, fi-  
nes, and amercia-  
mentes vpon his, or their said account determined  
to the kinges vse, and hath his, or their quietus est for thesame.

Prōvided alwaies, and be it enacted by thautthoritie aforesaid,  
that it shalbe lesull to al, and euery clerke, and other officer, of any the  
kinges Courtes to awarde, and make writtes of *Capias delegatum*, at the  
suite of the partie plaintiff against soche persones outlawed, as bee  
pardoned by this Acte, to thintent to compell the defendaunt, and de-  
fendauntes to make aunswere to the plaintiff, or plaintifes, at whose  
suite he, or thei were outlawed. And that euery persone so outlawed,  
shal sue a writ of *Scire facias* against the partie, or parties, at whose suite  
he, or thei were so outlawed before this pardone in that behalfe shalbe  
allowed to him that so is outlawed.

Prōvided alwaie that this acte of generall, and free pardone, or a-  
ny thing therin contened shall not extende to Cardinall Poole, Jek-  
frey Poole, doctour Hilliard, Michael Throkemerton, Richard Date,  
Goldwell, Ihon Clement doctour of Physick, Ihon Storie  
doctour of the lawe, William Rastall, Anthonie Bonuice, Balthaser  
Gnarley Surgeon, Benedict Bonuice, Germain Deo, ne to Edward  
Crafforde, alias Crafforde, the, Thomas Crafforde alias Crafforth, Tho-  
mas finche, Thomas Rainoldes of Whistable in the Countie of  
Kent yeoman, ne to William Bedell, ne to Thomas Rainoldes, nor  
to any of them, for any kinde of treason, nor for any fellonie, robbetrie,  
wilfull murder, or burglarie by theim, or any of theim committed, or  
doon before thesaid. xx. date of Marche, in the yere of our lord God,  
a D. D. lii, ne to discharge, or acquite any persone, or persons, whiche  
haue procured, aided, assisted, or counsailled the, or any of the to  
bryake any prisone, or to go, or ste ouer the sea without the  
kinges licence, any thing in this acte of free pardone  
to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

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